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## DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING STARTS ON MONDAY

### HKVDC Has Last Gathering REGISTRATION OF ALL CITIZENS

Recruiting for the new Hong Kong Defence Force will commence on Monday, February 14, at five centres, three in Hong Kong and two in Kowloon, but the Force will not formally come into being until March 1.

Simultaneously with recruiting for the Defence Force, there will be voluntary registration of all citizens, both men and women, for non-combatant duty, as an auxiliary of the HKDF.

This announcement was made by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at a dinner held by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at the China Fleet Club yesterday evening. It was the Corps' last meeting before its disbandment at the end of the month.

About 300 members of the Corps attended the dinner, which was presided over by the Commandant, Colonel L. T. Ride.

Extending a welcome to the Governor, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, Lieutenant Colonel E.J.R. Mitchell reviewed the 29-year history of the Corps, and the part it played in the 1922 and 1925 strikes and again in the anti-Japanese riots of 1931.

He emphasised that though the Corps' chief role was to preserve the internal security of the Colony, it was nevertheless preparing to defend Hong Kong against a first-class Asiatic power, and when the time came, it would fight with courage and loyalty that elicited widespread admiration.

### More Decorations Expected

Out of 47 decorations granted to the entire garrison for the defence of Hong Kong, 24 went to the HKVDC, and more were expected. The Corps suffered the highest percentage of casualties. It lost nine officers and 200 other ranks, not including those who died in the prison camps.

"The HKVDC, I am sad to say, is now on its deathbed," said Colonel Mitchell, "but it will not be forgotten. Very soon we shall say 'The HKVDC is dead, long live the Hong Kong Regiment'."

"Let us hope that our traditions will be passed on to our successors, such as our motto, and our old colours which I hope will be re-presented."

In memory of those members of the Corps who died in the defence of Hong Kong, the gathering stood in silence for two minutes, after which a toast was drunk to the Corps.

Sir Alexander Grantham was greeted with loud cheers when he rose to address the Corps. He said:

### End Of An Era

"This evening is rather like a New Year's Eve party at the end of a century, where we say goodbye to the old century—the Hong Kong Defence Force, because on Monday recruiting will start for the Defence Force."

"But although recruiting is going to start on Monday, the HKVDC and the HKVNC will remain in being until the end of the month, and the new Force will not formally come into being until the same date."

"The reason for that is the preliminaries of recruiting—setting up of forms, medical examinations, and so on, take a little bit of time. And when the existing Volunteer Organisation is to be disbanded, the new Force comes into existence, we would have no Volunteer organisation at all, nor would we have anybody on the register for the Force."

"Therefore, it is proposed that at the end of the month the existing Volunteer Organisation should be reconstituted and the new Defence Ordinance shall come into effect. There has been a great deal of correspondence in the papers recently as to what is the role of the new Force, the Defence Force. It is precisely what Colonel Mitchell has just described the role of the former Volunteer Corps of this Colony, and its role in the internal security."

### Efficient Police Force

"Now we in Hong Kong are extremely fortunate in having a Police Force in which I as Governor have the utmost confidence (Applause)."

"They can be relied upon to deal with any ordinary disturbance. But in the event of serious trouble, riots, and so on, they will need assistance. And first and foremost they will look to the HKDF for that assistance."

"As you know, there is to be a component of the Force called the Auxiliaries. One wing of that of that component is the Home Guard Wing. You can well imagine that the members of the Home Guard will be extremely valuable in guarding important strategic posts which will thereby relieve the regular police for other urgent duties."

"Then in the event of such trouble we have got to ensure that the essential services are kept working."

"In addition we shall need special constables. Whether we should have a special constabulary force or whether they should form part of the Essential Services Wing, has still to be worked out."

"The Auxiliaries of the Hong Kong Defence Force are a non-combatant part of the new force. If things get worse, and the police and the auxiliaries feel they cannot deal with the situation alone, then the combatant components of the HKDF will be called in to assist."

"That, then, will be the prime and main function of the Hong Kong Defence Force. Internal security in Hong Kong is extremely important."

### Along The Border

"Its next role will be along the border. As you know, there are bandits and guerrillas across the frontier. For several months past the police have had to have additional posts there. Should there be a serious influx of refugees, should some of these guerrillas find their way into the border, and the police are unable to deal with them alone, the first people we will look to for help will be the Defence Force."

"It is still insufficient, then, we shall have to seek the aid of the regular forces."

"The third role of the Defence Force is in war. I am not one of those who believe that war is around the corner. But it is a possibility, and we would be fools if we did not take it into consideration. The defence of the Colony in war falls primarily on the regular forces. But they will need the assistance of the Defence Force which is not only for internal security but also for combatant duties."

"With all these possibilities before us—internal disturbances, trouble on the border, and more remotely war—would we not be fools if we did not take our measures now and make our plans accordingly?"

"It is in the recollection of most of you that in 1925 the world was a great deal quieter than now. But still there was a general strike in which the HKVDC was used with great effect."

"Now the world is considerably more turbulent than it was then. We have made our plans, and we are going ahead with them."

"I hope that the majority of those who come forward will join the HKDF but there may be some who for one reason or another are unable or unwilling to do so at this juncture. What we ask them to do is to register, say what their qualifications are, and that they are prepared to assist should an emergency arise."

"On that register we want every loyal man and woman of this Colony to come forward, whether he is an engineer or another who is unable or unwilling to do so at this juncture. What we ask them to do is to register, say what their qualifications are, and that they are prepared to assist should an emergency arise."

"The recruiting organisation and the registration organisation will be one and the same. There will be five tenters—Corps Headquarters in Garden Road, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Club Lusitano, Club Recreio, and Kowloon Cricket Club. I should like to express my thanks and appreciation to those four clubs for being so public-spirited as to offer their services for this purpose. (Applause)."

### Steel Framework

"You gentlemen, I hope, will join the HKDF because you old stagers will be the steel framework. As you know, the idea of an all-embracing defence force, that is the military side and the civil side in one organisation, comes from the fertile brain of our Commandant. (Applause)."

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## Shanghai Peace Delegation Delayed

Shanghai, February 9. Members of the peace delegation received instructions from the Communists by phone from Peiping today to delay their departure until 9 a.m. on Friday.

It was learned unofficially that the mission headed by Dr. W. W. Yen, which hoped to take off this morning, received word after bad weather had delayed their start.

### May Ease Foreign Trade

Canton, February 9. Kwangtung Provincial authorities are urging Premier Sun, Fo's Cabinet to abolish various Government agencies which restrict foreign trade here. It was learned today.

"They include the Export-Import Control Board, Finance Control Board, and Bureau for Testing Commodities."

Their operations have curtailed business and both Chinese and foreign merchants believe their abolition would improve trade greatly, which has been going on illegally in the form of various smuggling trades."

The abolition of censorship in favour of voluntary censorship in Kwangtung is also being urged. It was reported. Associated Press.

### PICTURE OF THE DAY A Fair Cob!



This male swan (cob, if one has to be purist about it) invaded busy Maida Vale in London and turned a deaf ear to the posse of police who arrived to unravel the traffic tangle. But when a keeper from Regent's Park talked to him in language he could understand, the swan made a dignified return to his own environment. (AP Photo).

## More U.S. Marines Leave China

Shanghai, February 9.

Whether for reasons of economy or policy it is now clear the United States will radically reduce the strength of her armed force in China.

Two troop transports with 1,600 U.S. Marines aboard, left Tsingtao yesterday. Some of them were bound for San Diego, California.

The departure leaves only one battalion of U.S. Marines at Tsingtao.

Withdrawal of 1,600 Tsingtao marines from China on January 8 cut combat forces roughly to two marine battalions, one at Tsingtao and one at Shanghai, also aloft.

They remain aloft because it that status they infringe less on the sovereignty of China than when ashore. Also they are more mobile.

Further reductions are certain. Vice Admiral Oscar Badger said recently the navy's port facility personnel stationed at Shanghai is to be sharply cut because there is no longer need for them. A good deal of port facilities work was handling supplies for the advisory group, which is now gone.

The Navy in Shanghai comprises a sizeable force of cruisers, destroyers, troopships, command ships and hospital ships. Sometimes during naval manoeuvres elsewhere, the force dwindles to a skeleton of that strength. Most of it is based at Tsingtao, but there is usually one cruiser at Shanghai, sometimes a destroyer or two and an occasional command ship.

American nationals who feel their safety may one day depend on the land or naval strength in these waters are not too worried about withdrawal of the marines since reinforcements at Guam and Okinawa are only a couple days steaming away, for practical purposes as close as Shanghai is to Tsingtao. Associated Press.

### The Weather

At 0800 GMT (2 p.m. HKST) China and Japan continue to be dominated by the intense Siberian anti-cyclone which shows no signs of weakening. A very complex trough system extends from Tsingtao along the coast to just E of Shanghai. It is stationary in the SW but moving slowly SE and SE elsewhere. Behind it over S China, the N Easterly anticyclonic gradient has increased very considerably.

Today's Forecast—Fresh gale, ESE winds, strong in exposed places. Cloudy. Periods of light rain or drizzle at times. Maximum: 84.1 deg. F. Minimum: 64.3 deg. F. Humidity: 63.1 per cent. Rainfall: 14.1 mm (0.55 inch). Total since Jan. 1—49 mm (1.93 inch) as against an average of 44.6 mm (1.75 inch).

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## NEW HOTEL RATES TO BECOME LAW Few Surprises

Adhering closely to the recommendations of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee, an Hotels Ordinance to control rates for hotel accommodation and service had its first reading at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday.

The regulations in the Ordinance will apply to Hong Kong residents and to only 24 hotels in the Colony. Chinese hotels and boarding houses, catering essentially for Chinese guests, are to be excluded from control.

Tourists and transient guests are not protected in the new Ordinance.

Government has apparently also accepted the Committee's opinion that the Paramount and Cathay hotels should not be brought under control as they are in the nature of luxury hotels, essentially catering for wealthy Chinese. The two hotels are not included in the list attached to the Ordinance.

Moving the first reading of the Ordinance yesterday, Mr. J. B. Griffin, Attorney-General, said that the Bill has a twofold objective. It seeks to provide ordinary legislation to enable measures to be imposed on hotels in respect of accommodation and charges by way of legislation enacted by the Legislative Council rather than by perpetuation of the system of control by Defence Regulations.

The legislation, he added, will meet the desire which has been voiced in the Council that the law of the Colony should in time of peace only consist of the legislation of the Council, legislation by Defence or Emergency Regulations being avoided.

The second objective is to enable control by way, for instance, of enforcing a reservation of classes of guests being a type of control which could not legally be provided for by Defence Regulations. The Bill, he said, is largely an enabling measure.

Mr. Griffin said that representations from several sources have been received by Government regarding certain of the recommendations of the Committee. They have been received during the last few days and are being studied.

The Penalties He added that in so far as criticism has not already been met by the form of the Bill and Regulations, given to criticisms by amendment of the Bill or Regulations.

Maximum capacity is defined in the Regulations as "the maximum number of persons who may be accommodated in the respective type of room mentioned in the Second Schedule in the Regulations."

Hotel managements shall not allow any private room to be occupied by more than its maximum capacity. Additional charges for children less than 10 years shall not exceed half the rate paid by an adult. No additional charge shall be made for accommodation of a child less than three years of age where neither bed nor bedding is supplied by the hotel.

Arbitration Of Disputes The Quarters Authority shall not make a declaration that a person is a Hong Kong resident unless he is satisfied that the person has resided in Hong Kong for a consecutive period of not less than six months before making such a declaration, or if the period, in which he resided in the Colony before making the declaration, combined with the period he intends to stay aggregate to six months.

Strang In Shanghai Shanghai, February 9. Sir William Strang, new British Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, arrived here today in the course of a survey of British interests in the Far East.

Among others he had talks with the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, who made a special air trip from Nanking for the purpose.

It is learned that an effort is being made by the local British community to provide Sir William with a rough estimate of the present British stake in Shanghai. Associated Press.

tions at a later stage where necessity is shown. According to the contents of the Bill, the Governor is given power to appoint any person to be the Quarters Authority for the purpose of the Ordinance. The Quarters Authority may make regulations to control hotel accommodation and charges for hotel services. All the regulations he makes must, however, be submitted to the Governor and will only come into force after being approved by resolution of the Legislative Council.

The Bill provides penalties for contraventions of any of the regulations made under the Ordinance. A maximum prison sentence of six months and a maximum fine of HK\$1,000 are included in the Bill.

The Bill also provides for re-pealing of the "Price Control (Hotels)" (Control of Charges) Ordinance.

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## Chinese Turned Back From Siam

Bangkok, February 9. Siam immigration officials said that during January, more than 800 would-be Chinese immigrants without properly vised passports returned from Siam to Chinese ports.

They said most of these returned to Swatow or Hong Kong. The action was taken during the first month of the enforcement of new immigration regulations, including the reduction of the Chinese immigration quota from 10,000 in 1948 to 200 this year.

The Immigration Department said 140 of this year's 200 Chinese immigrants quota has already been filled and the Indian quota of 200 for 1949 was already filled. Associated Press.

## Reds Mass On Yangtse

Shanghai, February 9. The first major Communist bid to cross the Yangtse loomed today South West of Nanking as General Chen's Communist armies poured into the region North of the river opposite Huhu in considerable strength. Nationalist military sources here revealed.

The source said that the Communist forces were expected to include a large-scale crossing attempt along a 120-mile stretch of the river (between Hsien in Eastern Anhwei and Yuki, which is studded with little sand islands, besides being unusually shallow and narrow).

Nationalist reports are said to have indicated that the river, where they claimed to have captured more than 30 Communist wooden boats on Monday. Reuter.

Canberra, February 9. Dr. Evatt, Australian Minister for External Affairs, told the House of Representatives here today that he had been informed that it was proposed to bring the matter of Cardinal Mindszenty's trial before the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Reuter.

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# WAR DAMAGED SITES RECOMMENDATIONS

The report of the War Damaged Sites Committee, its recommendations and a draft War Damaged Sites Ordinance, 1949, were among the papers laid on the table of yesterday's Legislative Council meeting.

The Ordinance has been drafted to facilitate the clearance of war damaged sites, to provide for the recovery of the cost thereof, and for the sale of sites where required.

The object of the Ordinance is to provide a standard procedure to carry out site clearance and to shorten the period which must elapse before a power of sale can be exercised in the case of an owner who is unwilling or unable himself to effect the desired improvement.

The Bill provides that a mortgage in possession or other persons who are in the same position as the owner shall be deemed to be the owners. The definition of war damage is widely drawn to include damage not the direct result of hostilities.

When a site has been declared a "war damaged site," the Director of Public Works may require the owner to state on a prescribed form what he intends to do with regard to site clearance.

If site clearance is not carried out within six weeks, and none of the other alternative courses provided for is accepted by the owner, the Director may, under clause 4 of the proposed Ordinance, enter upon the site and carry out the work.

## Certificate Of Cost

Clause 5 of the draft Ordinance provides for a certificate of the cost of site clearance and for a supervision charge to be included which will, it is hoped, both recoup the Public Works Department for the employment of staff necessary to exercise supervision, and discourage owners from automatically leaving all responsibility with the Department.

It is provided that this certificate can be registered as a charge against the land, and that a sale for value of the property may be refused registration by the Land Officer unless satisfactory provision is made for paying off the charge.

It is provided that an owner shall only be liable for such a charge up to the value of his land and it is not therefore envisaged that recovery of these sums should normally be effected by action in the Courts.

Under the provision to clause 5 amounts received from the sale of usable material removed from the site will be allowed as a reduction from the cost of clearance.

Clause 6 provides that the Director may require an owner to state his intentions with regard to compliance with his covenants to maintain and repair, and if no satisfactory arrangement is reached then the Crown will re-enter in accordance with the provision in the lease after which event a notification can be published in the Gazette of the intention to sell by public auction.

It is provided that on the expiration of a month from the publication of a notice in the Gazette, a sale of the property by public auction may take place.

## Appeal Provided

Upon such sale the purchaser could be required to enter into a covenant to develop the property. The Crown will be responsible to refund to the owner the price received at public auction less charges and expenses properly incurred.

Under the Crown Rights (Re-entry) Ordinance, 1970, a petition for relief against re-entry may be presented by a lessee either to the Court or the Governor-General.

It is considered desirable that express power should be given to order a sale by auction. In such event, the realised price, less charges and expenses, will be refunded to the owner.

Clauses 9 and 10 are provisions for appeal to the Governor-General in cases where a person who considers his is a case of hardship or that a discretion under the Ordinance has been unfairly or unwisely exercised, and follow precedents to be found in the Buildings Ordinance, 1935, and other standard forms.

Clause 12 provides a moderate penalty for interference with or obstruction of the Director's agents effecting site clearance and clause 14 is a saving clause widely drawn to obviate the Ordinance ruling out contractual or other rights or remedies already available to the Crown or private persons.

## Recommendations Of Committee

The proposed Ordinance complies with and is in furtherance of the recommendations of the War Damaged Sites Committee, in consultation with which the Ordinance was drafted.

Further recommendations of the Committee are that Crown Lessees should now be called on to carry out their covenants to maintain and repair. In view of the fact that acceptance of a lease where there is to the knowledge of the Crown a substantial breach of covenant may be said to be a waiver of such right to the end of the period for which the lease is granted, the Committee suggested that the Government should refuse to accept a lease in such cases be confirmed.

that while the DPW should be empowered to effect site clearance and the cost thereof should be a charge on the land, it is not expedient that this work should in all cases burden his Department.

that the work of serving notices, obtaining tenders, and of supervision of site clearance justified the imposition of a supervision charge dependent upon the amount of work performed in each case by the DPW.

that in order to avoid hardship it is necessary to permit an owner to apply at his option to the Supreme Court for the Governor-General in Council, whereupon such power of sale shall be suspended until determination of such application; and that consequential amendments are necessary to the Crown Rights (Re-entry) Ordinance, 1970, which amendments shall only apply to leases declared to be war damaged sites within the meaning of the suggested legislation.

## MR. GRIMWOOD HONOURED

A dinner in honour of Mr. E. G. A. Grimwood, London, Agent of the Hong Kong Government was given last night by the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce at its Chamber Hall, Prince Edward Road, Kowloon.

Mr. U. Tai-chek, Vice-chairman of the Chamber said: "A few of us have already met Mr. Grimwood in London and in Hong Kong since his arrival here. I need not say what Mr. Grimwood did for the Hong Kong delegates in London last year. He has in the past rendered invaluable aid and aid in the promotion of Hong Kong industries and trade on behalf of the Hong Kong Government."

"Not only has he given his assistance in official matters, but is always ready to give a helping hand to general commercial activities."

"I am proud to tell Mr. Grimwood that the six delegates who went to the BIF last year are members of this Association, and our Chairman, Mr. Robert Der, and two Vice-Chairmen, Mr. Wong Hon Ching and myself, were among the delegates representing our Association, as well as the Chinese Manufacturers' Union. The Chamber has a membership of more than 2000 and we have as our members about 28 important industrial guild associations under us."

Mr. Grimwood's reply follows: "This evening has been of great value to me since I have heard much of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce and its most useful activities. The list of affiliated bodies is undoubtedly an impressive one, and I would urge you to extend this even more in order that your Association may speak for the Chinese Manufacturers and Merchants with one voice."

"A group of merchants operating individually can seldom obtain the best markets for their products or attain the mantle of industry which accompanies a properly organised Chamber of Commerce. You have taken this first step towards an international reputation for integrity. Continue to build upon this and make sure that the goods and services which you offer are always of the finest quality."

A well-dressed Chinese woman was among 14 persons arrested in a raid on an opium den at an unnumbered hut in Tai Yue Street by the Nineteenth Squadron of Eastern Division on Tuesday night.

Brought before Mr. J. X. d'Almeida yesterday, the keeper, pleaded guilty. The keeper was Shung Sun, and his 12 patrons given six months and the rest a fine of \$125 or 14 days.

The woman pleaded that she was no smoker. She was on the premises, she said, to meet her husband, one of the 12 arrested, for dinner.

Accepting the plea, Inspector MacKay said it was unusual to find such a respectable woman in a den. According to the magistrate, the den was a small room, about 10 ft. by 12 ft., and included nine pots of opium and 12 lamps.

# POSED AS POLICEMAN

How an ex-policeman, posing as a policeman, demanded HK\$50 and obtained a wrist watch as a bribe from an opium den keeper was described at Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday.

Fung Ngok, ex-PC 1023 and Cheung On, were charged with demanding money with menace and bribery. Cheung was also charged with aiding and abetting Fung.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall conducted the prosecution. A little after midnight on January 10, the two defendants entered the opium den in the cockpit of 6 Hamilton Street, ground floor, to have a pipe. He left after a smoke.

Soon after, Cheung returned. While the keeper, Chung, was preparing the pipe, there was knock at the door. When asked who it was, the voice on the other side of the door said that he was looking for a man Chan Pui, who was at that time one of the inmates of the cockpit.

The keeper opened the door to a man dressed in European clothes. Once inside the premises, the stranger asked who was the keeper of the den and caught hold of Chung by his jacket, threatening him with arrest.

Cheng, the second accused, said that the man wanted money and the keeper had better fix things up with him. Chung asked the stranger how much he wanted and was told HK\$50.

As none of the men present had any money, a wrist watch belonging to a man named Yuen Sing was handed over to the stranger as a token, with the promise that the sum would be paid the next day.

The stranger suggested that Cheng keep the watch and be responsible for the collection of the HK\$50, but Cheng refused.

That same day, the keeper reported the matter to the police. Fung and all the charges and claimed it was a frame-up just as his dismissal from the police force in August last.

His co-defendant, Cheng, admitted that he was present when Fung made the demand and received the watch but said that when the watch was handed that day, Fung pocketed all the money.

Sentences of one year and six months, respectively, were passed on the two defendants.

## INQUEST ON FARMER

A verdict of "death by misadventure" was returned by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of Chan Sal-kin, 30-year-old farmer of Tsing-I Island, whose mutilated body was found on the railway tracks on the afternoon of October 3 last.

The coroner added the finding that "death was due to hemorrhage and shock following multiple injuries. In all probability deceased fell off the KCR afternoon express train. It may have been that he was travelling in some unauthorised way, but in any event it is practically certain that he did fall down in the region of the whole of the train, was dragged some distance, and finally was practically cut in half by the wheel of the train passing over the lower part of his body."

Mr. S. Y. Lin, Superintendent of Research of the Hong Kong Fisheries Department, will give a lecture on the life of a Chinese fisherman to the Sino-British at the Public Relations Lecture Room, at 5.45 p.m. tomorrow. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kwok, Mrs. M. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hynds, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Munson, Mrs. B. A. Cobb, Mrs. D. Inman, Messrs. R. V. Finlay, D. F. Inskeep, A. A. Joyce, R. J. Morgan, A. Doteva, M. MacKay, J. Thomson, Y. K. Fung, L. P. Chan, A. R. Duncan, and W. R. M. Watson.

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# MYSTERY OF THE STOWAWAYS

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

The report that four stowaways, claiming to be Chinese newspapermen bound for Dairen to open a news agency there, were discovered aboard the S.S. San Antonio and landed at Yuen Shan, North Korea, was met with firm rebuttal yesterday.

"I do not know anything about it," said Mr. J. J. Johnson, the master of the Panamanian steamer, on his arrival here from the North.

An official of the Tung Wei Development Company, who was one of the 12 passengers travelling with the vessel on her maiden trip to North Korean waters, replied to enquiries: "I am sorry, I cannot say anything about it. He denied there were any stowaways aboard the San Antonio on route to Korea."

"One day after leaving Hong Kong on December 7, last year four Chinese not on the passenger list were discovered aboard," a senior member of the vessel's Commanding Department said yesterday, quoting from a diary.

The San Antonio originally left the Colony on December 5 with 700 tons of cargo, including penicillin, three span cars, three trucks, a jeep and two weapon carriers. Near Swatow, her Norwegian chief engineer lost his life when his cabin caught fire. The ship returned to port and left again after the funeral of Mr. W. T. Toltsund at the Colonial Cemetery.

"We reached Hungnam first and had to wait for three days before a Korean doctor, an Army official and civilian representatives of the North Korean Government came to board our ship."

"The presence of the extra passengers apparently seemed to affect business negotiations, for we did not discharge any cargo there. We had to go to Yuen Shan, where the four passengers and two of the officials were permitted to land."

"After prolonged delay there, the Koreans took the two weapon carriers, the jeep, a car and the penicillin, giving in return provisions, including meat, rice and vegetables."

"We had to sail for Hungnam again, where after more delay we discharged our cargo, except the remaining two cars, which were brought back home."

"They gave us 200 tons of apples, 50 tons of ammonium chloride and a quantity of salt fish."

From that port, the San Antonio returned to Yuen Shan to pick up the remaining cargo ship. Who landed there on the first visit.

At both ports, none of the ship's passengers was allowed to land, the senior official stated. "We could not talk too much with the labourers who came aboard to work. A labourer would first assure himself that he would not be observed by strange eyes before he would speak to any of our men," he said.

The enterprise was estimated to amount to about HK\$1,000,000, inclusive of all expenses. "What we have brought down, however, would not at current conditions fetch more than HK\$100,000."

"We should have taken down soyas, beans, bristles and vermicelli which are in great demand here," he concluded.

The San Antonio, according to her local agents, is due to leave for the Straits some time this week.

## HABITUAL THIEF IMPRISONED

A "habitual thief," as M. A. D. Scholtes described him, was sentenced to the maximum term of two years hard labour and two years police supervision at Kowloon yesterday for the theft of rice.

By name Tsai Kwai-fai, this 40-year-old man had four previous convictions for theft registered against him before he was brought to Court on the same charge, said Inspector J. Orend.

## Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

## "Cloverlock"

But I have the feeling and from one of your reporters who called on board above vessel during my absence, and from what I can gather, he was interested in obtaining some confirmation of some rumour which indicated that my vessel was seen in a port located in the Northern part of Shantung Province.

The name and description of my vessel is correct, and the incident, which I believe was in the company of your reporter, may have seen "Cloverlock" anchored as he stated. However, there is just this difference. It is quite likely he observed "Cloverlock" at anchor off "Si Tao" village in the Ping Yang district, Chienan Po N. Korea, and not in the port of "Shi Tao" Northern Shantung.

Personally, I cannot be sure whether some other vessels may have a Filipino cook, who attends to the navigation besides his culinary duties. My own cook is a Chinese, but I hardly think he is so cockeyed as to not know the difference between "above" and "below." This is purely a surmise. I have not yet tested my cook's ability in navigation.

In order to satisfy the ultra curious, I sincerely trust you will be able to afford this space in your esteemed journal.

R. WHERRY.

## Money Market

Gold dropped nine points yesterday as it closed at HK\$301.50 a tael, after opening at \$310.50. There was some panic selling when pressure from bears was at its height.

US dollars were down to HK\$5.09 1/2 on their continued downgrade. Gold Yuan was unchanged from the previous day.

Flour was quoted at HK\$28.20 a 100. Trials climbed 40 cents to HK\$25 a 100.

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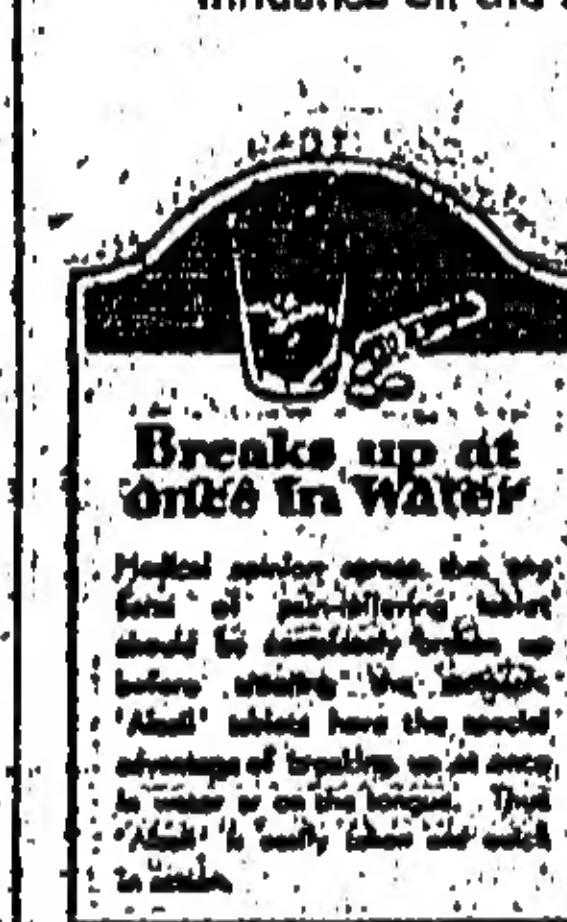
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# Indonesian Factions To Hold Conferences

## RACIAL BARS TO BE LIFTED

Washington, February 8. The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved legislation to repeal all racial bars to immigration into the United States.

The measure, which will be introduced into the House of Representatives today, will principally affect Asians, including Pakistanis, Koreans, Japanese, Malaysians, Indonesians, Filipinos and others.

Racial bars to Indians, Chinese and Filipinos already have been repealed.

The bill's sponsor, Representative Walter Judd, says the bill will enable 85,000 Asians at present in the United States to take out naturalization papers. He expects the House to act favorably on the measure.

Mr. Francis Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, said the bill will eliminate one of the major causes of friction in the Far East.—United Press.

## GALES SWEEP PALESTINE

Tel-Aviv, February 9. Winter gales swept across the Holy Land today, damaging homes and uprooting trees in citrus groves.

Jerusalem was plagued by high winds. Roofs were blown off houses in the Holy City and torrential rains struck the coastal areas, causing further delays in loading ships in Tel-Aviv with Israel's fruit exports.

Heavy rains for the past week have created costly delays in citrus shipments.—United Press.

## RADIO

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1.25 p.m.—Interlude.  
1.30 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Bandier and Main Court Orchestra with Tann Perendino, (Tenor).  
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.  
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
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2.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francise (Studio).  
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3.15 p.m.—Waltzes from Theatreland.  
3.30 p.m.—"Down Beat" Discs presented by Paul Roney (Studio).  
3.50 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).  
4.10 p.m.—A short Concert with Joan Hammond (Soprano) as Soloist.  
4.30 p.m.—Fred Hardy and His Music. (BBC's).  
4.45 p.m.—"Concerto" Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor Op. 21, (Chopin) Alfred Cortot (Piano) with Orch. Cond. by John Barbirolli.  
5.15 p.m.—Book Review by Allen Decker (Studio).  
5.30 p.m.—"The Old Story of Simon and the Mystery Serial by Lester Powell. (BBC) Episode 5: "The Montparnasse."  
5.50 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay).  
6.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
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Batavia, February 8.

The Indonesian Republicans have agreed to meet Federalist leaders for informal talks on "orientation." The date of the talks has not yet been fixed.

The decision resulted from the joint visit of the Republican and Federalist representatives to Banka Island for discussions with the detained Republican President, Dr. Soekarno, and his Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hatta.

The two groups returned from Banka today and they are expected to issue a statement about their visit very soon.

A tentative Dutch plan to offer the transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia before the middle of the year was commented on by the Indonesian Republic today.

This was disclosed today when the delegation returned from Banka Island with the Federalist group which accompanied it.

The new Dutch proposal—a revival of the plan suggested by the progressive Government of the Federal State of East Indonesia eight months ago—is that sovereignty should precede instead of following the period of reconstruction.

The gesture, which the Dutch are believed to have planned to try to convince the Republicans and the world of their sincerity, has progressed little further than the tentative proposal stage.

## Retention Of Powers

It will require the agreed retention of certain powers by the Crown Representative for a period after the transfer of sovereignty.

Details of this will be worked out between the Netherlands and the Interim Federal Government of Indonesia. It will also need Republican participation in the formation of the Interim Federal Government, to which sovereignty may be transferred.

Dutch sources here said wide acceptance of the proposal will help the Netherlands out of the difficulty of possibly having to reject the Security Council's four-point plan of January 29. This plan called for the immediate release of the detained Republican leaders and recommended a time table for the setting up of an independent and sovereign United States of Indonesia by the middle of 1950.

Coincidentally, the Dutch Government may seek the approval of the Security Council for the proposal as an alternative to the Council's plan.

## For UN?

The Netherlands Government has agreed "in principle" to let the Indonesian Republican leaders go to Lake Success if they wish, but has raised practical difficulties.

## Scientist's Prediction

Munich, February 8. Arnold Sommerfeld, 80-year-old professor recently awarded the American Physics Prize, predicted today that Russian science will not be able to mass-produce atomic bombs.

Professor Sommerfeld conceded that Soviet researchers will be able to duplicate American discoveries in developing atomic weapons but production problems will stymie the Russians.—United Press.

## Releases From The Services

London, February 8. The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, told the House of Commons today that men called up for service in the armed forces in 1947, will be released in time to commence their studies in the beginning of October, 1949.

He was answering a question by Dr. Fleming, Conservative, and said that men called up before August, 1947, will be released before the end of September, 1949; men called up in August 1947 will ordinarily be released not later than the end of October, 1949, but the actual dates of release will in many cases be earlier.

Any intending students called up in August, 1947, who find that they are not due for normal release in time to start their studies next autumn will be allowed early release if applied for by their university authorities.—Reuter.

## BATTLE AGAINST THE INSECTS

New York, February 8.

Eric Eweson, 51-year-old Swedish chemist, says that man will have to use germ warfare to win the battle with the insects for control of the world.

Man is slowly losing the battle because nature is on the side of the insects, he asserts. He claims to have discovered how man can use bacteria in commercial plants to stop the vicious cycle of weaker soil, weaker plants, weaker human beings and stronger and more plentiful insects.

At the same time, he adds, it will stop man's pollution of the world's water supply.

A stocky, blond, red-faced man, Mr. Eweson two decades ago revolutionized the yeast industry by developing a method of growing yeast fungi on a diet of organic waste material instead of synthetic chemicals. He took his idea to Canada and built yeast plants at two paper mills, using waste from newsprint pulp to grow yeast fungi.

"Waste from one paper mill can produce all the yeast needed

by all the bakers in the United States," he said. Mr. Eweson lives at Newport, Rhode Island, and for the last year has been working feverishly at an experimental plant at Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania, on his idea for saving soil.—United Press.

**NARCOTICS HAUL**  
New York, February 9. Police today seized a quantity of narcotics with an estimated underworld sales value of \$2,500,000 in a New York apartment.

The seizure followed the arrest of Joseph Basile, 39, who was charged with unlawful possession of narcotics. Federal agents and New York police said that heroin, cocaine and apparatus for cutting narcotics were found in the apartment.—Associated Press.

## Officials Resign In Protest

New York, February 8.

M. Bela Balassa, acting Hungarian Consul-General in New York, announced tonight that he and his staff of four have resigned in protest against the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty.

The Consul-General's announcement is the highlight of a flood of protests which began pouring into New York from all parts of the United States as soon as the Budapest sentences became known.

Archbishops led a chorus of verbal protests while in New York about 5,000 people are expected to gather at the City Hall to urge the Mayor, Mr. O'Dwyer, to cable the Mayor of Budapest demanding the Cardinal's immediate release.

A call for such a demonstration was issued by the "People's Committee to Free Cardinal Mindszenty," which says it wants other mayors to send similar cables.

Students of Catholic colleges in New York also announced plan to picket the Communist pickets at the court where 11 American Communists are on trial for alleged conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government.

The New York Post says the convictions are "expected to have serious repercussions at Lake Success, where the bare are believed up against the admission of Hungary to the United Nations in the foreseeable future."

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States compare the sentences to the measures taken in Hungary to outlaw Zionism. "Communist denials of basic human rights are retracting the

## BRAZIL FALLS INTO LINE

Washington, February 8.

The Brazilian Ambassador, Senor Taubuco, said today that he formally advised the Israeli Mission here last night of Brazil's full diplomatic recognition of Israel.

Senor Naubuco, acting on instructions from his Government, sent a letter to the Israeli representative notifying him of the recognition.

Asked if he had received any reply, Senor Naubuco said that he had received none so far, but "I imagine they are very pleased about it."—Reuter.

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# SITUATION IN EUROPE VASTLY ENCOURAGING, SAYS DEAN ACHESON

Washington, February 8.

The current situation in Europe is vastly more encouraging than it was two years ago, Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, declared today. He claimed that the major cause of this is the European Recovery Programme.

"I believe that no one can fail to see the connection between the revival of the national life of a group of countries and the ability to protect the fruits of their labours," he said.

## AFRICAN SELLING OF GOLD

London, February 8.

South Africa's sale of 100,000 ounces of gold in eight weeks will not saturate the free market for gold, it is believed that a similar quantity has often been traded from South America to the East in a single month.

Previous ideas of best obtainable price in dollars were about \$41 in South America and \$40 in China but far higher in the interior of China.

Twenty-two carat sheets, ranking as manufactured gold, are not formally under the International Monetary Fund's ban on gold bullion dealings.

Nevertheless, London and presumably South Africa are interestedly awaiting the Fund's reaction.

A few months ago, the Bank of England, at the Fund's instance, severely restricted London's previously big export business in 22 carat gold sheets.

Some are of the opinion that South Africa may have difficulty in marketing sheets.

Even bullion dealers are rather surprised by the news of the deal since they had not known that buyers had accepted the terms.

—Reuter.

Mr. Acheson was testifying in support of a continuation of the European Recovery Programme before a joint session of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees.

He did not mention either the North Atlantic Pact or the proposed United States military aid programme to Europe by name, but said: "It is for this reason and for the furtherance of the security of the United States that we are now considering how best we can assist furthering the sense of security in Europe."

He said: "There has been no advance in totalitarianism on the continent of Europe. The free community of Europe has not only held its own but it has during this period made great strides forward."

"Within the participating countries there has been a rebirth of faith in the vitality of the democratic system and its ability to deal with post-war problems."

## BRITAIN TO TAKE LEAD IN APPROACH TO REDS

London, February 8.

Britain, the United States and France have been in contact regarding their attitudes towards the Chinese Government which may be formed by the Communists.

The three powers agreed to co-ordinate their policies, with Britain taking the initiative in opening any Western relations with such a regime.

The British Cabinet has already discussed the problem of opening relations with the Chinese Communists.

It is likely to be some way off yet.

The British Embassy in Nanking is to remain in Nanking, although the Government has been asked to consult with the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman today said that the United States, Britain and France are engaged in general consultations on the Chinese situation.

The Department press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, left unchallenged a London report that the three Governments are discussing their attitude towards a possible Communist Government in China. Mr. McDermott replied: "I will not say, when asked, whether the report is true or false. However, he added that the three powers are in almost constant general discussion on events in China—United Press.

"Progress towards political association will, of necessity, take time," he said.

## Close Union

Mr. Acheson claimed that there have, however, been significant steps towards the eventual development of a closer political union.

In this connection, he gave as instances the work of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and the creation of a Council of Europe as well as the Brussels Pact.

"Our role must be to encourage and support these efforts. The worst of all courses would be to relax our efforts and allow the momentum of achievement to diminish."

Mr. Acheson's optimistic statement was backed up by Mr. W. Averell Harriman, former Ambassador to the Marshall Plan countries, who said: "We are winning this struggle for freedom and peace."

Mr. Harriman added that the success of the Marshall Plan in Western Europe is beginning to exert pressure on the Iron Curtain countries, as can be seen by Yugoslavia's break with Moscow.

"In spite of the tragic events in Hungary today, the spread of tyranny has been arrested. What is needed above all else is continuity of policy, of a resolute and confident America."

—Reuter and United Press.

## RUSSIA PRODUCES ARMS REDUCTION SCHEME AT UN

Lake Success, February 8.

The Soviet Union today presented to the Security Council new disarmament proposals dealing with atomic weapons and conventional armaments.

The Soviet Union asked the Council, as a practical measure, to instruct the Disarmament Commission, to work out a plan of reduction in armaments and armed forces by one third in Britain, France, the United States, Russia and China, the reduction to be completed by March 1, 1950.

The plan itself should be ready by June 1 this year.

The resolution says: "The Security Council notes the creation in recent times of a number of groupings of States headed by the aggressive circles of certain great powers which wish to impose their policy on other countries, creating in all parts of the globe which are not justified by the defence needs of those countries."

Other proposals: 1. To instruct the Atomic Energy Commission to submit not later than June 1, 1949, a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and the control of atomic energy; these conventions to enter into force simultaneously.

## A Succotash

2. To set up within the framework of the Security Council an international organisation for the control of disarmament and atomic weapons.

3. To instruct the five permanent members of the Council to prepare not later than March 31, 1949, data on all kinds of forces, including atomic weapons.

Mr. Warren Austin, the American delegate, raised a laugh when he called the omnibus Soviet resolution a "succotash" (mixed vegetable purg) of unfamiliar ingredients.

"All the old peas and beans are there," he said, "including"

## JET BOMBER'S AMAZING FEAT

Washington, February 8.

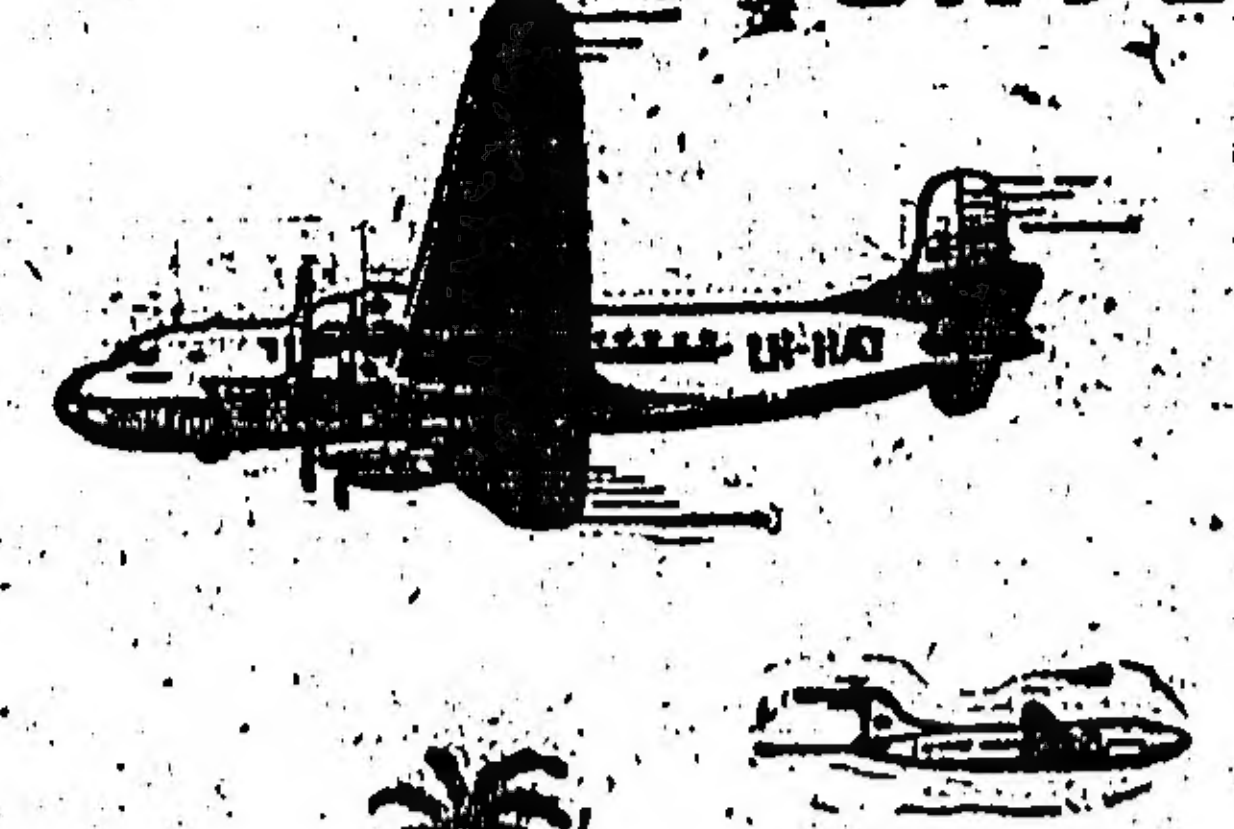
A six-jet Boeing bomber today established a trans-continental speed record when it flew from Moses Lake, Washington, to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, in three hours 46 minutes.

The plane, weighing 60 tons, averaged 607.2 miles per hour for the 2,280-mile flight. A strato-jet can carry 10 tons of bombs.

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## Stampede in Shanghai

Shanghai, February 9.

Two small girls, aged six and eight, were killed in a stampede in front of the Whangpoo police station in the former French Concession yesterday as a result of a riot staged by some 3,000 Manchurian refugees who were trying to collect "relief" funds at the station.

The refugees comprised disbanded army officers and men, Government employees, teachers and civilians who had travelled down to Shanghai following the Communist occupation of Mukden and other cities in Manchuria last year.

Yesterday's troubles started when some 100 former soldiers, armed at being kept waiting a considerable time, forced their way into the office of Captain Fung Wen-yao, the officer-in-charge, and smashed furniture.

## Free Cars For Ex-Servicemen

London, February 8.

The Minister of Pensions, Mr. H. A. Morrison, was asked in the House of Commons today for details of plans to provide free motor-cars for certain disabled ex-servicemen and women.

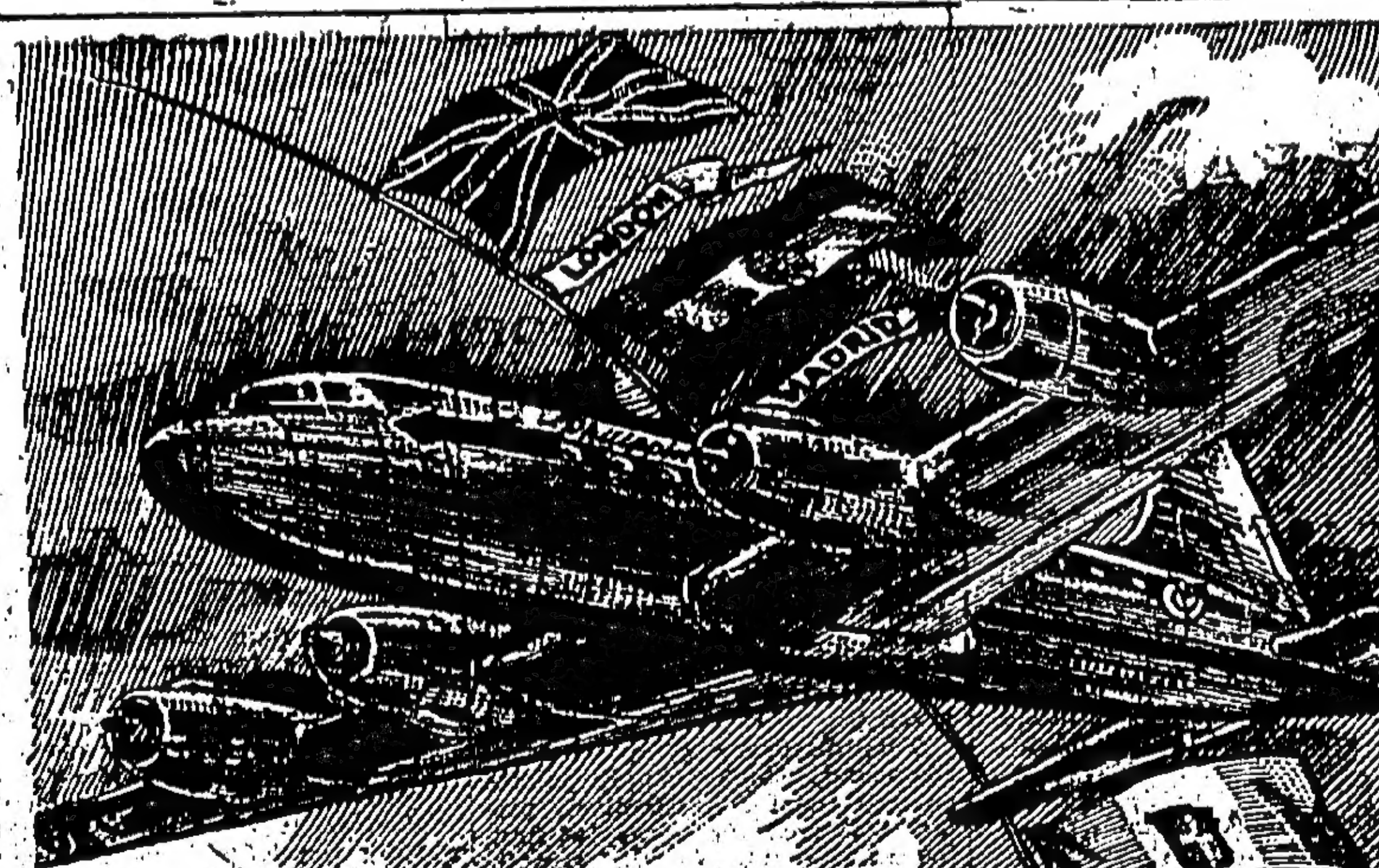
He stated that plans have been made to supply 1,500 small cars. Certain adaptations of standard models have been arranged to meet the needs of disabled persons.

So far, 23 cars have been delivered. Fifty cars are to be available for blind pensioners.

## ICI TO MINT ISRAEL COINS

London, February 8.

A British firm, Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, is to mint Israel's first coins. The firm has been awarded a contract to mint the new coins, which will be based on the "ancient" currency.



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## ENGINEERING PAGE

### New Tube Extension

The new extension to the Central Line of London's underground railway, whose labyrinthine now spread from Ealing to the midland of Epping Forest, has already become part of the everyday lives of millions who travel to the city and beyond. To them a comfortable and efficient train service is of vital importance and this recent improvement has deservedly earned the plaudits of all who have seen and journeyed on it.

One of the outstanding features of the modern stations along this line is the "daylight" illumination provided by fluorescent lamps in fittings specially designed to the specification of the London Transport Executive. Combining with the superb construction of each main station—speedy escalators, excellent ventilation, attractive appearance and spaciousness—the new lighting system helps to demonstrate to United Kingdom and overseas visitors alike the engineering skill which has gone into this outstanding postwar development.

The fluorescent lighting is shown to full advantage in the Bathnal Green, Gants Hill, Wanstead and Redbridge Stations, where fittings supplied by The British Thomson-Houston Co., Ltd. are employed. The entrance to Gants Hill Station takes the form of an adequately yet not excessively illuminated subway, the lighting being sufficiently "warm" to create a comfortable atmosphere and of an intensity which permits comfortable vision. Occasional emergency fittings which are equipped with tungsten lamps provide a standard of comparison between old and new forms of lighting and emphasize the improvement which has been made.

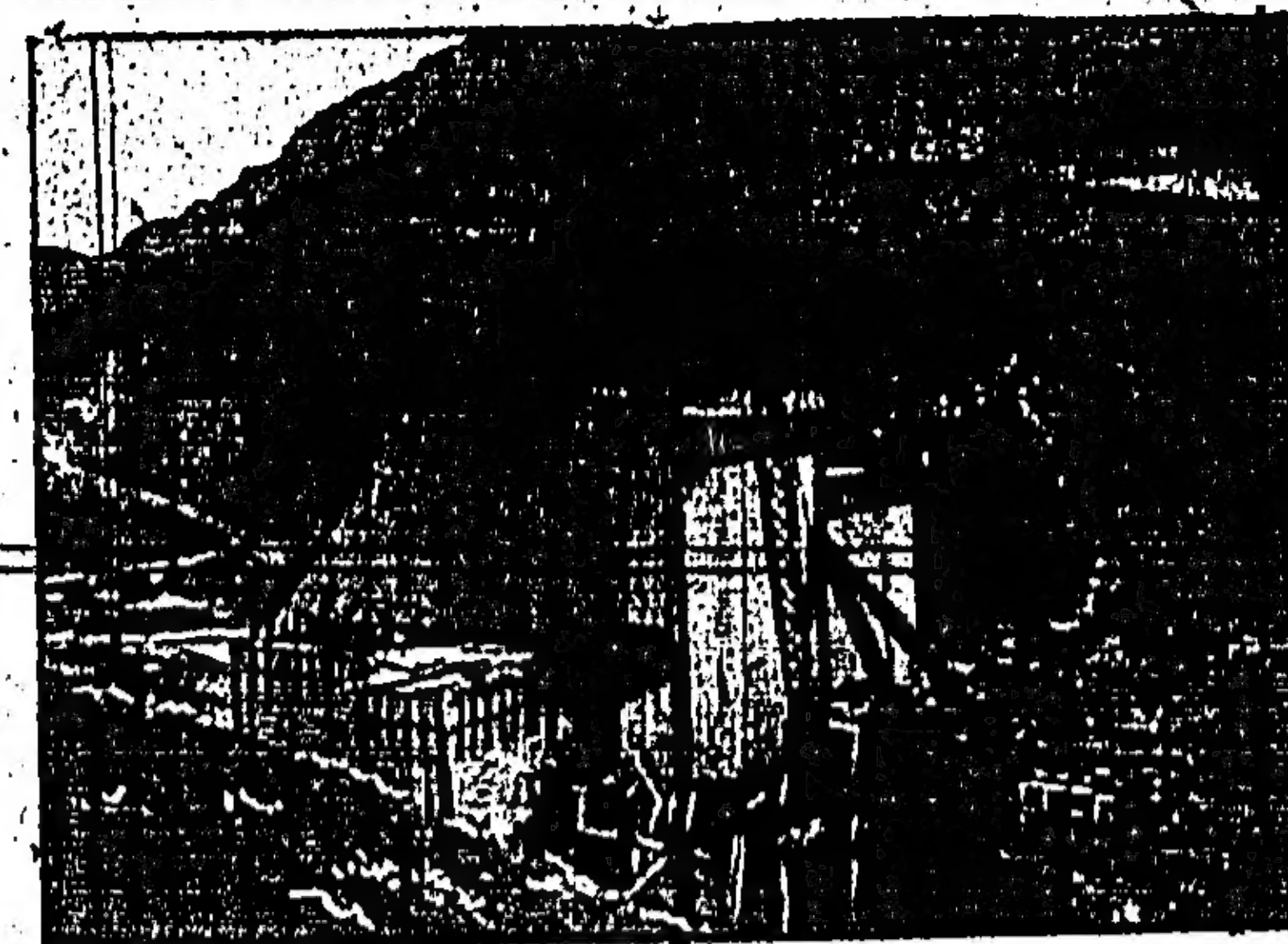
### ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

The British Engineers' Association of 82 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, are holding an Engineering and Marine Exhibition at Olympia, from August 25 to September 10 this year.

Since 1924 when that Association was responsible for the Palace of Mechanical Engineering at the Wembley Exhibition, the British Engineers' Association has sponsored a biennial Engineering and Marine Exhibition.

Just as, during last year, the specialised Machine Tool and Engineering Exhibition organised by their Member-Association, the Machine Tool Trades Association, was hailed as an outstanding success, so their own Exhibition of wider interest goes on each alternate year from strength to strength. For the EXHIBITION of 1949, the whole of the three halls at Olympia, London, have been hired.

### BRITAIN INCREASES HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER



As part of British industry's vast programme of capital expansion, the North of Scotland Hydro-Electricity Board is doing everything in its power to complete the work now in progress on 12 of the 19 projects for which authority has been granted. In Scotland 1,500,000,000 kw/hra of electricity are already being generated annually; and it has been estimated that the water-power potential is 6,274,000,000 kw/hra annually. Picture shows the growing dam of the Loch Sloy scheme in the mountains West of Loch Lomond. About 200,000 cubic yards of concrete will complete the dam, 1,200 feet long and 180 feet high, which will hold back 1,200 million cubic feet of water to power the four hydro-generators which will supply 130,000 kws. of electricity to the grid.

### New Techniques In Coal-Burning

From the power plant of the British Electricity Authority at Burton-on-Trent, England, comes news of how the engineers there are managing to get the best out of a type of coal which was not at first suitable for use in a power plant. An output of 80,000 pounds an hour has been obtained from boilers which previously maintained only 55,000 pounds an hour with high carbon in ash loss. The boilers are Babcock and Wilcox, C.T.M. type, designed for a maximum continuous rating of 80,000 pounds per hour of steam at 375 pounds a square inch and 810 degrees Fahrenheit from feed at 100 degrees. They are equipped with Babcock and Wilcox style 28 compartmented chain grate stokers, Detrick front walls, Bailey side walls and rear arches, superheaters, economisers and balanced draught.

The coal allocated was free-burning bituminous slack with eight per cent inherent moisture, four per cent free moisture, 32 per cent volatile matter, 13 per cent ash and 10,750 British thermal units a pound. In size, 55 per cent was below one eighth of an inch, including 33 per cent below one sixteenth of an inch. A steam output of 55,000 pounds an hour for each boiler was all that could be obtained; after 500 hours (the total boiler availability) the superheaters were completely fouled. There was a very high drift loss.

The coal was then subjected to a combined water and steam damping process. The fires improved at once, but it was difficult to obtain a continuous flow of coal on to the grates because of arching in the stoker hoppers. To overcome this a cross bar of

2½ inches diameter piping was fixed to the bottom end of each distributing chute, and to it were welded four splayed, finger bars. These cross bars relieved direct pressure on the coal in the stoker hoppers, and the splayed fingers in travelling from side to side of the hoppers scarified the coal and kept it reasonably open. Water was sprayed on to the coal on entering the distribution chutes and saturated steam was introduced into the coal stream at a point about five feet from the bottom end of the chute. The amount of water added varies with the coal.

Boiler availability has been increased from 500 hours to 3,000 hours at normal rating, and 1,500 at maximum continuous rating. The heavy "bird's nesting" or lumping of the coal, has been almost eliminated, and water lancing is sufficient to keep the boiler and superheater tubes clean. Normal output of 64,000 pounds an hour is maintained with ease, and maximum of 80,000 pounds an hour when required. The 1½ inch diameter isolating valves, griddle plates, armoured flexible hose, cross bars and scarifier fingers cost no more than £35 for a boiler having twin distributing chutes.

### Magnetic Escapement Clocks

The Horstman Clifford magnetic escapement which was originally developed for pendulum clocks only, can now be applied to alarm clocks, strikes and chimers, and mantelpiece clocks too. This was demonstrated some days ago at a one-day exhibition arranged by the British Horological Institute in London. The new magnetic escapement clocks were exhibited together with some of the finest historic pieces which brought early distinction to the United Kingdom clock industry.

Yet, though many visitors admired the famous John Harrison fourth-marine timekeeper which won a reward of £20,000 nearly 200 years ago and is still ticking, the show was stolen by the magnetic device, it is not only delightfully simple but, as its inventor, Mr. C. F. Clifford declared, its commercial production is a good deal cheaper than that of the usual lever escapements of ordinary clocks.

Wrist watches, or others subject to continual shocks, vibrations, or change of position, cannot be made with the new magnetic device, but it is hoped that this may also become possible in a not too distant future. The quick adaptation of the new device from pendulum clocks to the whole series of other clocks shows the versatility of the new invention.

### RECORDS BROKEN

London—Britain's steel industry broke all records last year with an output of 14,877,000 tons. This was nearly 900,000 tons above the original target, and almost 400,000 tons higher than the revised target set in the middle of 1948. The previous best record achieved by the industry was 13,422,000 tons in 1939. The iron production also set new records, for it exceeded its target of 7,700,000 tons at 9,275,000, as compared with 7,787,000 in 1948.

### NEW ALLOY FOR MAGNETS

A new permanent magnet alloy has been developed due to the work of the British Permanent Magnet Association, in collaboration with the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association. The property in which the new magnet shows improvement is that of "coercivity" or resistance to demagnetization, and its chief application should be in electric motors and small generators. The new magnet alloy is a combination of iron, aluminium, nickel and cobalt. It also contains a rare element Niobium, a metal which occurs associated with tantalum in the rare mineral tantalite. Niobium received its name from Niobe, the daughter of Tantulus, son of Zeus, chief God of the ancient Greeks.

The new magnet alloy requires a new kind of heat treatment which includes keeping the magnet at a temperature of about 600 C. for a considerable time. By a new process, developed by the English physicist Professor D.A. Oliver, the new alloy is heated and then cooled in a magnetic field. The field must be applied in the direction in which it is ultimately intended to magnetize the material. The result is that the alloy can be more easily magnetized in that direction. The alloy is so hard that it is almost impossible to forge, cut or drill it even before it has received the heat treatment and the usual method of manufacture is to cast the magnets as nearly as possible to shape and remove any rough parts, or reduce to exact dimensions by grinding. When small holes are required in the magnet, as, for instance, for fixing screws, the usual practice is to cast with a larger hole which can be filled with a soft alloy capable of being drilled.

### New Precision Instruments

Instruments that measure to a degree of fineness of four parts in 1,000,000,000 will be included among several entirely new counting and measuring devices to be shown at the British Industries Fair this year.

Some of these instruments, on view in the scientific and optical section at Olympia, have been specially produced to meet the needs of atomic energy research. One firm is also expected to show a portable rate meter, scaling units and probes developed specially for the production of radioactive by-products of nuclear bombardment in atomic piles. The scientific and optical section covers a wide field of British scientific craftsmanship, its exhibits also including cosmic ray recorders, a radar device that fits on the pilot's instrument panel in an aircraft and gives warning of other planes approaching in cloud or fog.

FORT WORTH, Texas—John J. Prachyl's car traveled every way but on four wheels. He collided with a truck, after which his car traveled 80 feet on two wheels, then toppled on its side and slid 100 feet, and finally rolled over on its top for another skid of 240 feet. Prachyl received minor bruises. —United Press.

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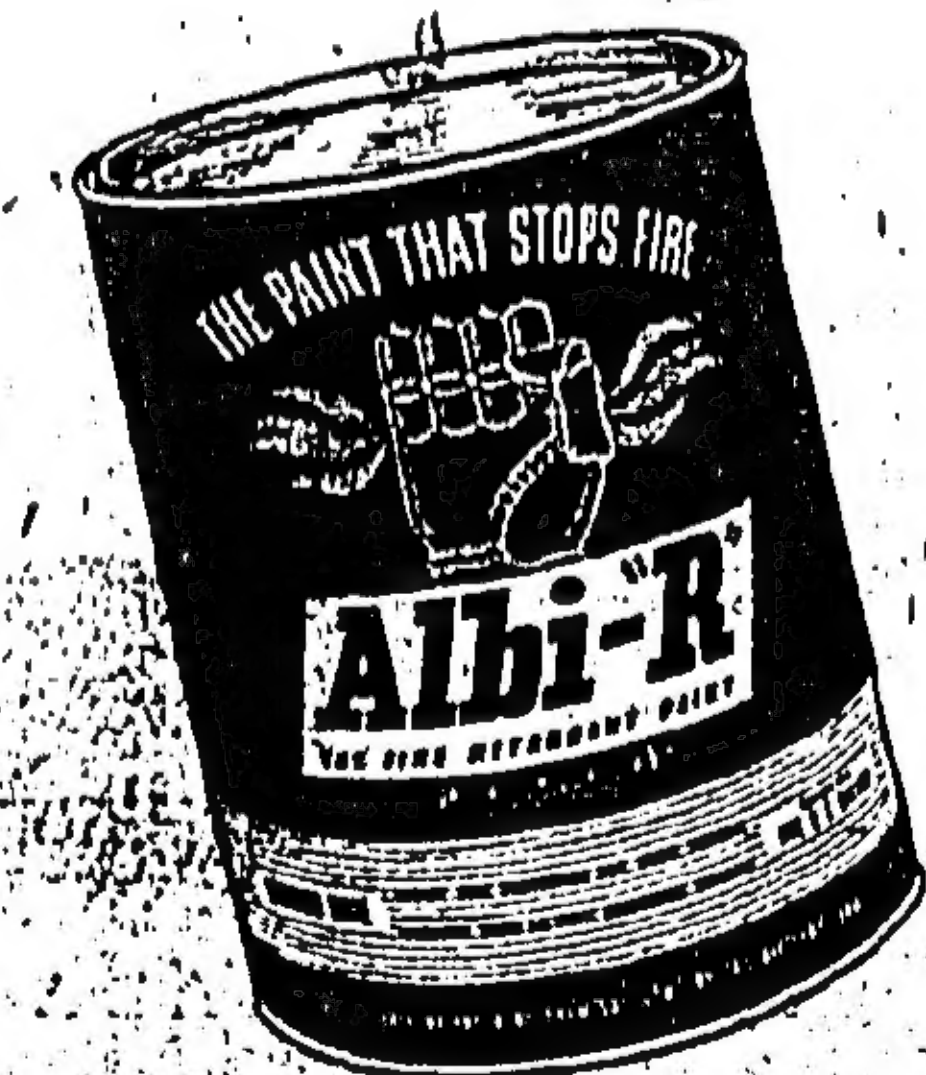
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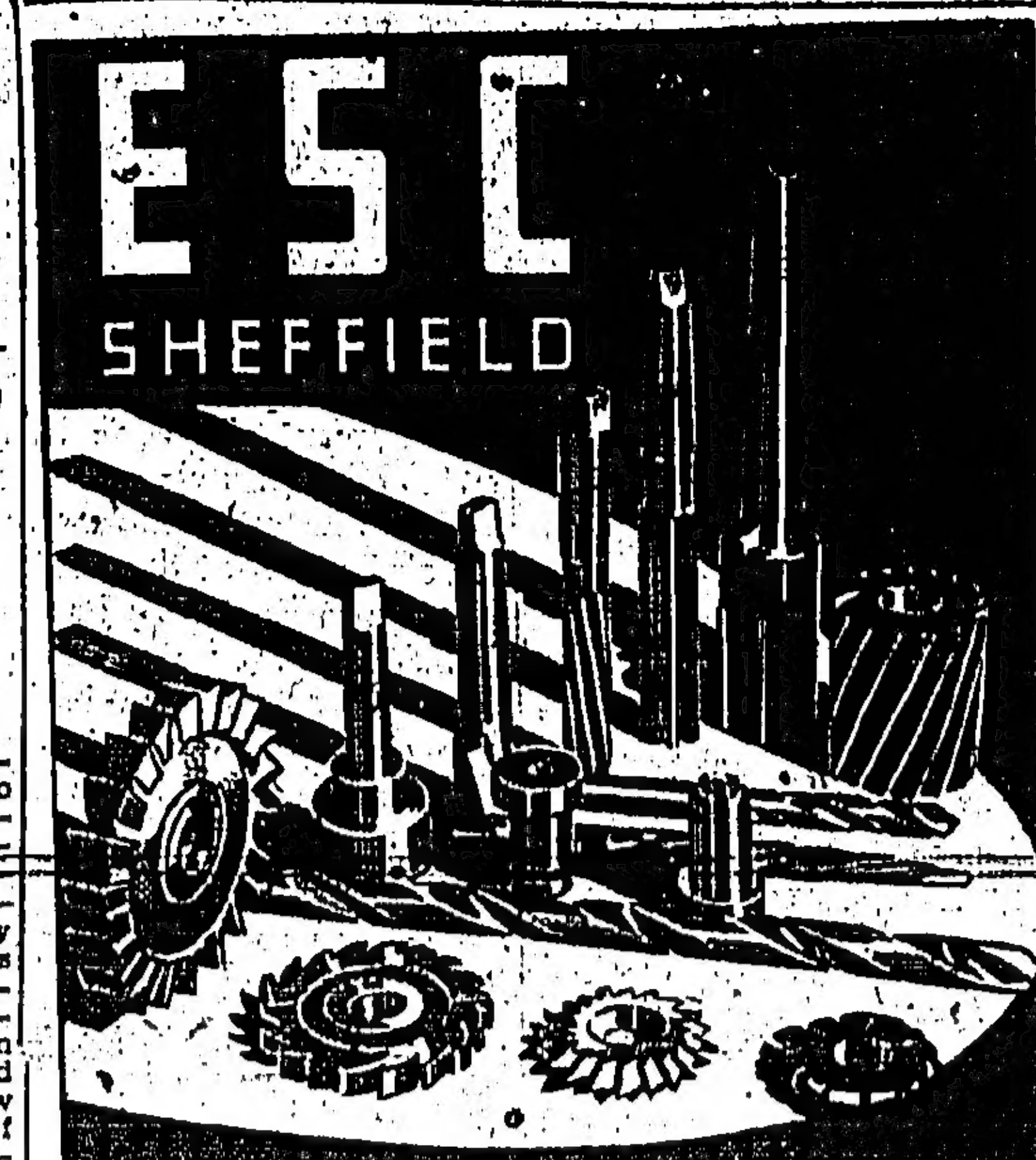
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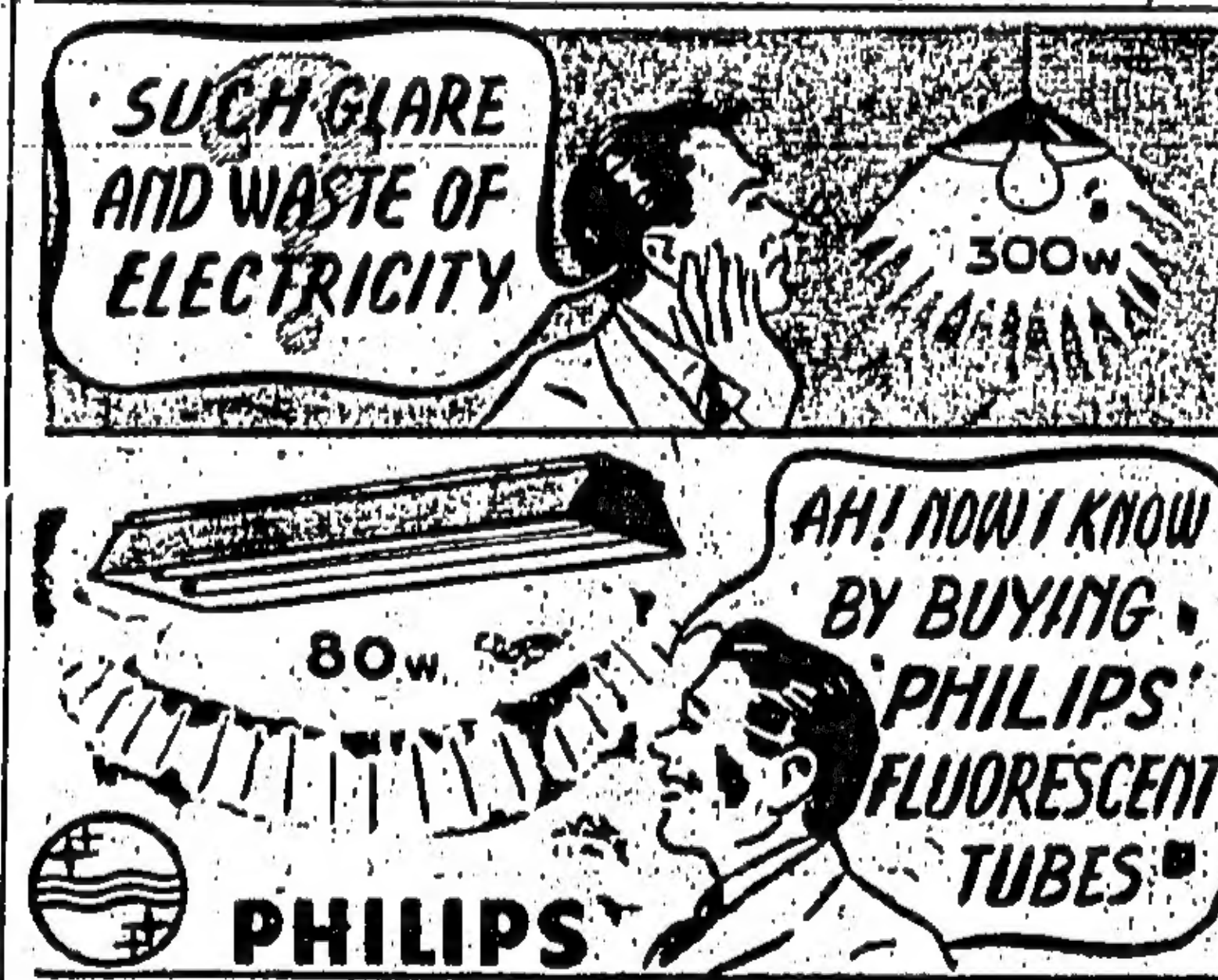
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# WORLD'S CONDEMNATION OF SENTENCE ON MINDSZENTY

## Advance Naval Base At Manus

Canberra, February 8. The Navy Minister, William J. F. Riordan, said today that Australia is establishing her advance naval base at Manus Island instead of Deger for strategic reasons. Manus will be a fuelling base for Australian and Allied ships and a warning centre for approaching enemy ships or aircraft—United Press.

## TALKS ON PALESTINE ARMISTICE

Beirut, February 8. Constantine Stavropoulos, Dr. Bunch's delegate, who arrived here Monday evening, talked with the Premier and Foreign Minister for two hours. Although there is a news blackout, it is believed that Stavropoulos brought the information required by Syria and the Lebanon concerning their invitation to Rhodes as decided at their Bhamoun meeting.

Well-informed circles believe that the Lebanon insists on Jewish withdrawal from Lebanese territory before negotiating. The results of the meeting were telephoned to the Syrian Premier, and Stavropoulos left for Damascus on Tuesday morning.

Lebanon has received cables reports on the Arab states delegates meeting with the Egyptian Premier. It is believed that the conference reached no definite decision—Associated Press.

London, February 8. The Minister of Supply, Mr. C. R. Siraus, said in the House of Commons today that the following countries had so far received British jet planes: Argentina, France, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Canada, India and Switzerland—United Press.

## Pontiff Deeply Grieved: Indignation In Britain

London, February 8.

Pope Pius XII is "deeply grieved" by the life sentence passed on Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, it was reported from the Vatican today.

In London, the Foreign Office is urgently considering the verdict. Several Members of Parliament are to ask questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. William Gallacher, Communist Member of Parliament, predicts that the Cardinal will be freed shortly. Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, British prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, says the Budapest trial was "a travesty of the methods of justice."

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, is to ask the President of the Board of Trade if he will consider breaking off trade pact negotiations with Hungary.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist Party, commented that the trial "has undoubtedly established for all impartial opinion the accuracy of the charges and the justice of the sentence."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the playwright, said: "The question is a very difficult one. If the verdict is to be regarded as purely anticlericalism, it is indefensible. But the notion that priests and scientists should be exempted from the common law is equally indefensible."

### Dutch Abhorrence

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, told the Second Chamber that his Government regards the Mindszenty case with "abhorrence," but can act only in accordance with present-day international custom.

If the Dutch Government takes any steps in the matter, foreign powers may wish to intervene in Dutch internal affairs, he added. The Dutch non-Catholic press describes the trial as "well conducted." The Liberal Nieuwe

Rotterdamse Courant said: "The general trend was business-like but not unfeeling and one need not be a psychiatrist to see that the accused were in full possession of their faculties."

In Paris Father Albert Gau, the popular Republican (Catholic) Deputy, who was refused permission to interview the Cardinal before the trial, told Reuter: "The verdict is an act of cowardice. They did not dare kill him."

Father Riquet, a preacher at Notre Dame Cathedral, who was once a prisoner in a German concentration camp, said the trial and its conclusion will "revolt every human conscience."

### Had To Go

In Vienna, political circles said the Hungarian Government has succeeded in its aim of proving to East European Catholics that the Vatican is neither infallible nor omnipotent.

In Brussels, a spokesman for Cardinal Van Roey, Primate of Belgium, said Cardinal Mindszenty "had to disappear" because he opposed the undertakings of a regime of tyranny."

In Bonn, Dr. Adenauer, the Catholic President of the West German Constituent Assembly, said "the pressure of Western democratic public opinion" had probably saved the Cardinal's life.

Herr Heinz Renner, a Communist Assembly member, said that if the Church had been as willing to work loyally with new regimes in Eastern Europe as it had been to conclude treaties with Hitler, "there would have been no Mindszenty case."

In Berlin, a Christian Democratic Union statement condemned "the abominable Red justice comedy."

High Catholic Church dignitaries went into a conference at the home of Cardinal Count Conrad Von Freysing, the Catholic Archbishop, immediately they heard of the verdict.

Cardinal Von Freysing is at present on holiday in Bavaria.

### U.S. Reaction

Budapest evening newspapers giving the court's verdicts under huge headlines were on sale within an hour of the adjournment of the court.

Budapest Radio broadcast part of this morning's proceedings. While American Church leaders reacted caustically to the trial and sentence, the State Department declined comment. It is expected that the first official American reaction will be expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, at his weekly press conference tomorrow.

Dennis, Cardinal Dougherty, 83-year-old Archbishop of Philadelphia and spiritual leader of nearly 1,000,000 Catholics, called the trial and conviction an "injustice and a horrible persecution by the Communists."

The Catholic Archbishop of Boston, the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, called for prayers for the "persecutors" of Cardinal Mindszenty, while the Catholic Archbishop of Washington, Monsignor Patrick J. O'Reilly, called for prayers from all for the Cardinal.—Reuter.

## Minister's Denial

Budapest, February 8.

The American Minister in Budapest, Mr. Selden Chapin, this afternoon described the charges made against him during the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty as "nonsense and pure fantasy."

Mr. Chapin told Reuters: "The verdict and proceedings are what could be expected. The implications concerning me in the court's final remarks, as well as the allegations during the proceedings, imply improper conduct on my part."

"The allegations are nonsense and pure fantasy," he said. During the trial the court held that Mr. Chapin had had illegal dealings with Cardinal Mindszenty; had known of, and engaged in, the Royalist plot of which Cardinal Mindszenty is said to have been the leader; and had been given information of an espionage network by Cardinal Mindszenty.—Reuter.

## New Motor Ships For Maersk Line

New York, February 9.

The Maersk Line will add five new motor ships to its Far Eastern service this summer and autumn.

T. Host, President of the Moller Steamship Company, Incorporated, of New York, general agents for the Danish-owned line, said the first ship will begin operating in June. The others will go into service during following months at the rate of one a month.

They will ply between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport News, Virginia—via the Panama Canal—and such Pacific ports as the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Kobe and Yokohama, Japan.

U.S. West Coast ports of call will include Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Each ship will have a maximum speed of 18 knots and average 9,000 deadweight tons. They are specially designed for the Far Eastern trade routes. They will have such features as coiled deep tanks for carrying vegetable and other oils, strong

rooms for bullion, silk, and refrigerated cargo space. In addition, each will have modern first-class accommodations for 12 passengers in single and double cabins.

The five are being constructed in European shipyards. Two are being built by the Erikaberg yards at Goteborg, Sweden, two by Bartram and Sons of Sunderland, England, and one by the Odense Steel Shipyard at Odense, Denmark.

The vessels and their deadweight tonnage are: Peter Maersk, 9,775 tons; Olga Maersk, 9,000 tons; Arna Maersk, 9,855 tons; Jutta Maersk, 8,975 tons; and Lexa Maersk, 8,975 tons.

The five will bring to 37 the total of Maersk ships operating throughout the world, Mr. Host said. Nineteen more vessels are being built for the line. Two of these will be added to Maersk's Pacific operations late in 1949.—Associated Press.

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## CHURCH PROPERTY WON'T BE TOUCHED

Budapest, February 8.

Church property owned by Cardinal Mindszenty as Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary will not be touched by the State following his sentence to life imprisonment today. A spokesman of the Hungarian Ministry of Justice said this to Reuter.

## Alleged To Have Spied Against West

Heidelberg, February 9.

A German woman accused of spying for Czechoslovakia will be tried on February 14 in the first spy trial in Germany since the war, the U.S. Army announced.

Army headquarters identify the woman as Elfriede Zirkel, 33, a Sudeten German who lived in Czechoslovakia before the war.

She is the first to be tried of 20 persons arrested on November 2 as members of a Czechoslovakia spy ring.

They will be tried by a Military Commission of 10 U.S. Army officers and two American civilians authorized to assess the death penalty.

Elfriede Zirkel, who is said to have used "Lillian" as her cover name in her alleged spying activities, is accused of reporting political and military information to Czechoslovakia, an official Army headquarters said.

The U.S. Army said that the agents were assigned to gather military information about U.S. and British troops including the designation, location, strength and activities of troop units, activities and personnel of the U.S. counter-intelligence groups and official military documents.

Political information including the activities of refugee groups within Germany with special attention to individuals designated as "intelligence targets" who have sought political refuge in Germany.

Industrial information including the condition of harbours, reconstruction of certain industries and the volume and type of traffic on certain rivers.—Associated Press.

The Ministry spokesman said that as the Cardinal owns no personal property, the part of the sentence referring to "confiscation of the private property" is purely formal.

The Cardinal owns property not personally but only in his capacity as Archbishop and Primate, and such property will not be touched.

The spokesman mentioned the Cardinal's own statement at the opening of the trial when he asked to be allowed to list his fortune or property. The Cardinal told the court that he possesses no property.

The Cardinal told the court during the trial that his own estate of 18,000 acres was divided in the land reform of 1945.

### Esterhazy Estates

The person who will be most affected by the property clause in the sentence is Prince Paul Esterhazy, one of Europe's richest land owners.

Prince Paul lost an estate of 300,000 acres in the land reform of 1945. He told the court that he still owns considerable sum of money besides the wine cellars, forests and vineyards and employs a considerable legal and administrative staff to deal with his property.

The Prince will still own his estate of almost 150,000 acres in Austria and another estate of 2,000 acres in Southern Germany.

President Vilmos Oily of the People's Court, which passed the sentences this morning, told a correspondent that the Supreme Court will consider appeals from the lawyers of those defendants who said they do not wish to appeal.—Reuter.

## London Denies Secret Pact

London, February 8.

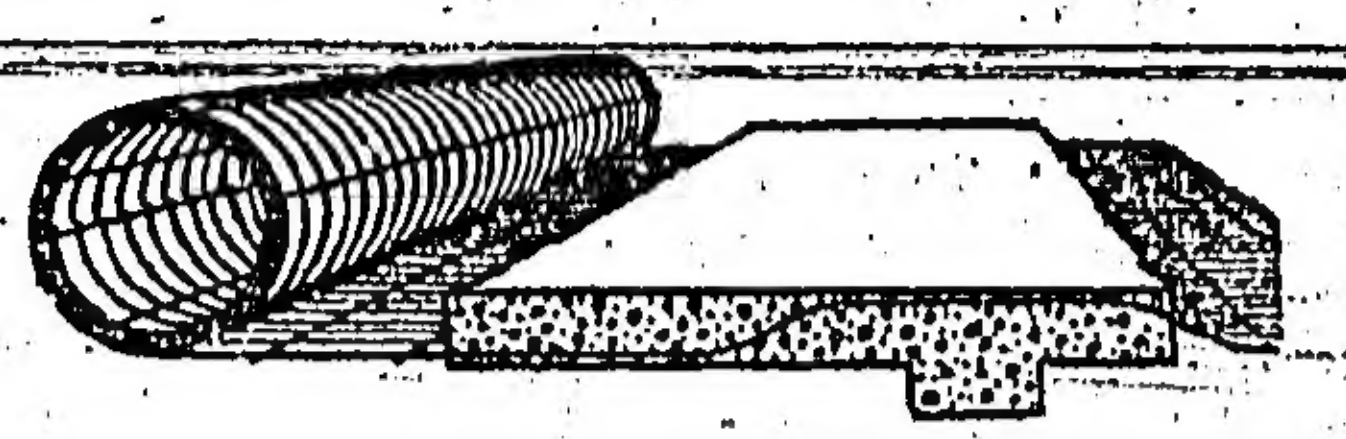
A Foreign Office spokesman denied today that Britain has a secret understanding with Israel to accord her full de jure recognition in exchange for the use of bases in the event of war.

The spokesman was commenting on a despatch received in London today from Cairo quoting the Waddist newspaper "Al Nidar." The newspaper published a report that the Israeli President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, have reached a "secret agreement" which will form the basis of a treaty of alliance.

The Foreign Office spokesman said Mr. Bevin and Dr. Weizmann have never had such talks.—Reuter.

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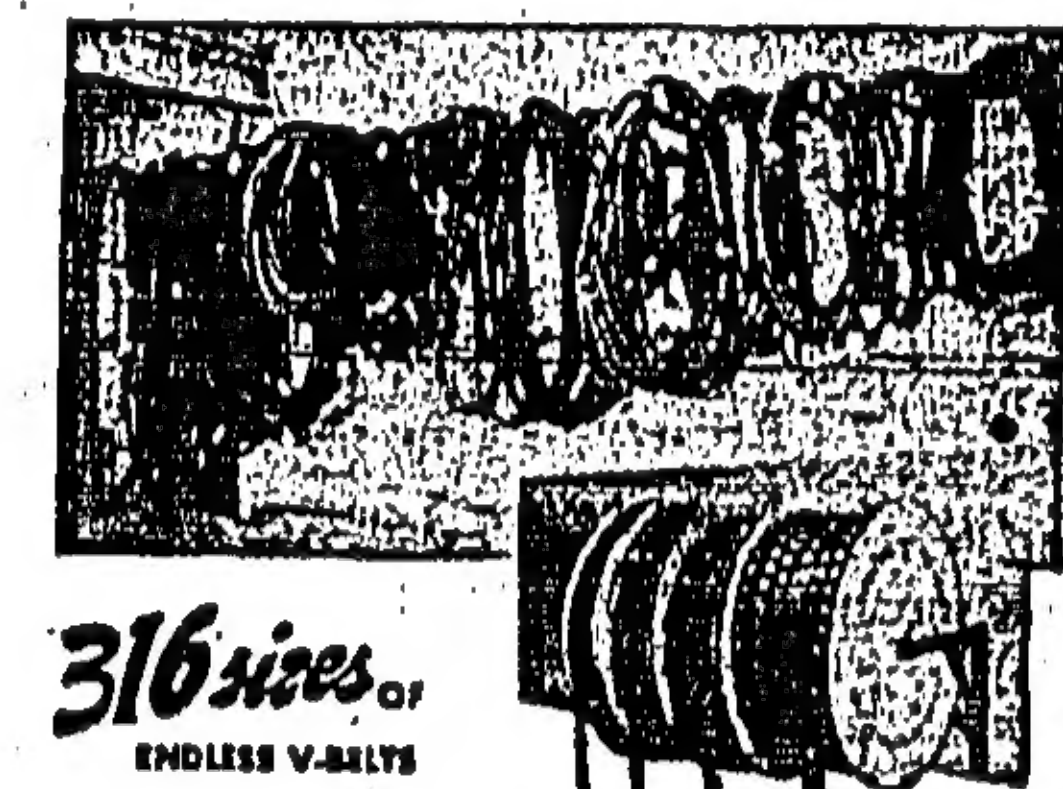
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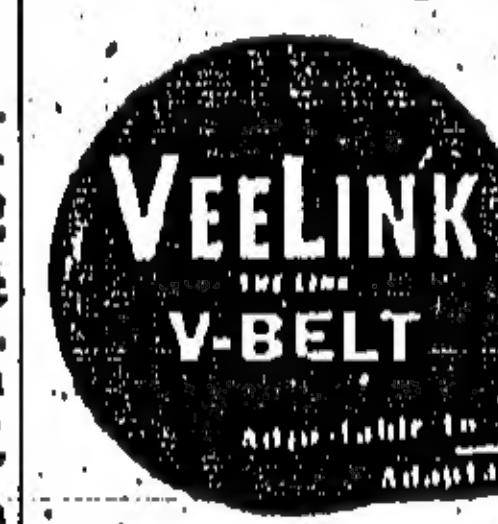
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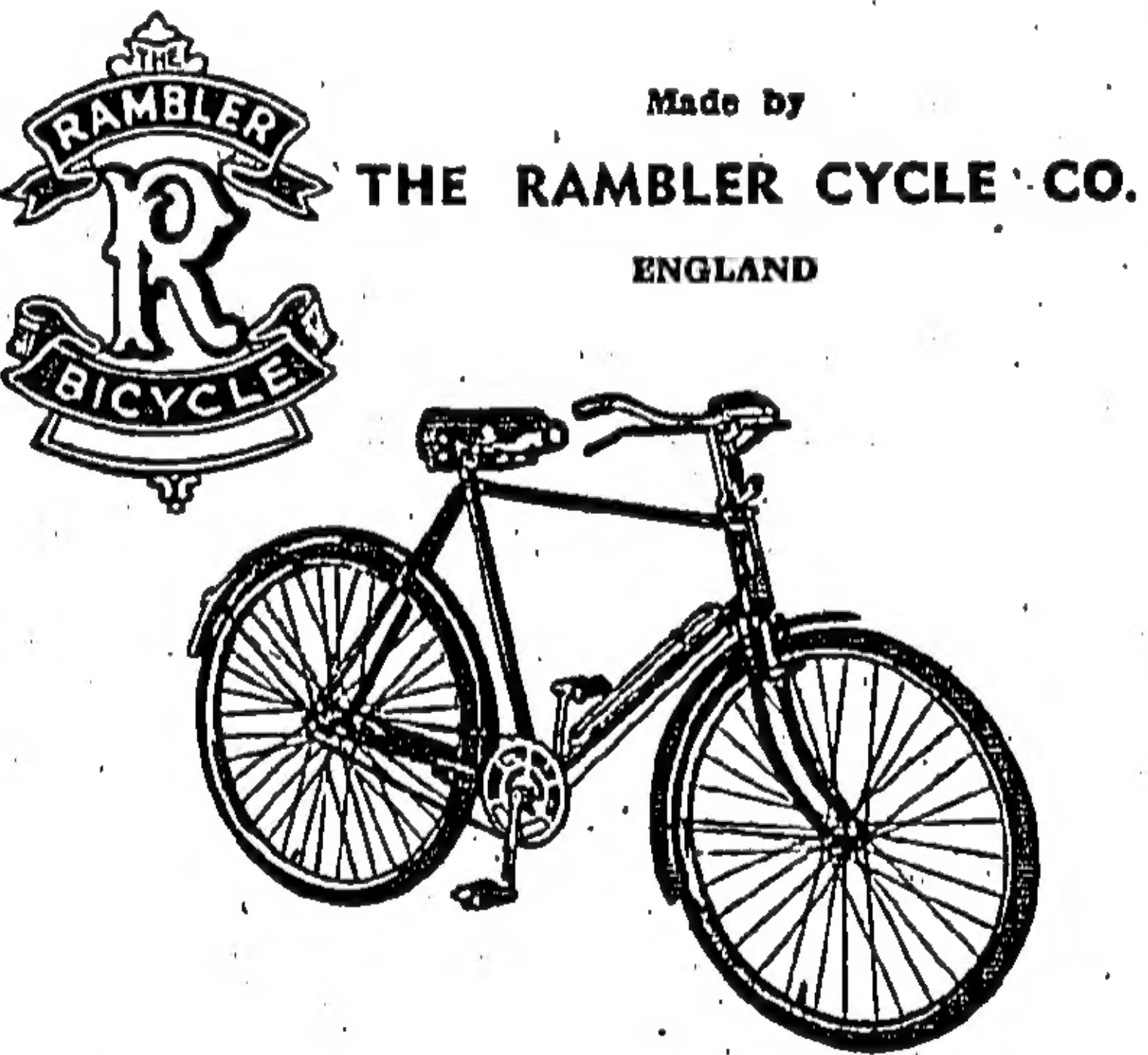


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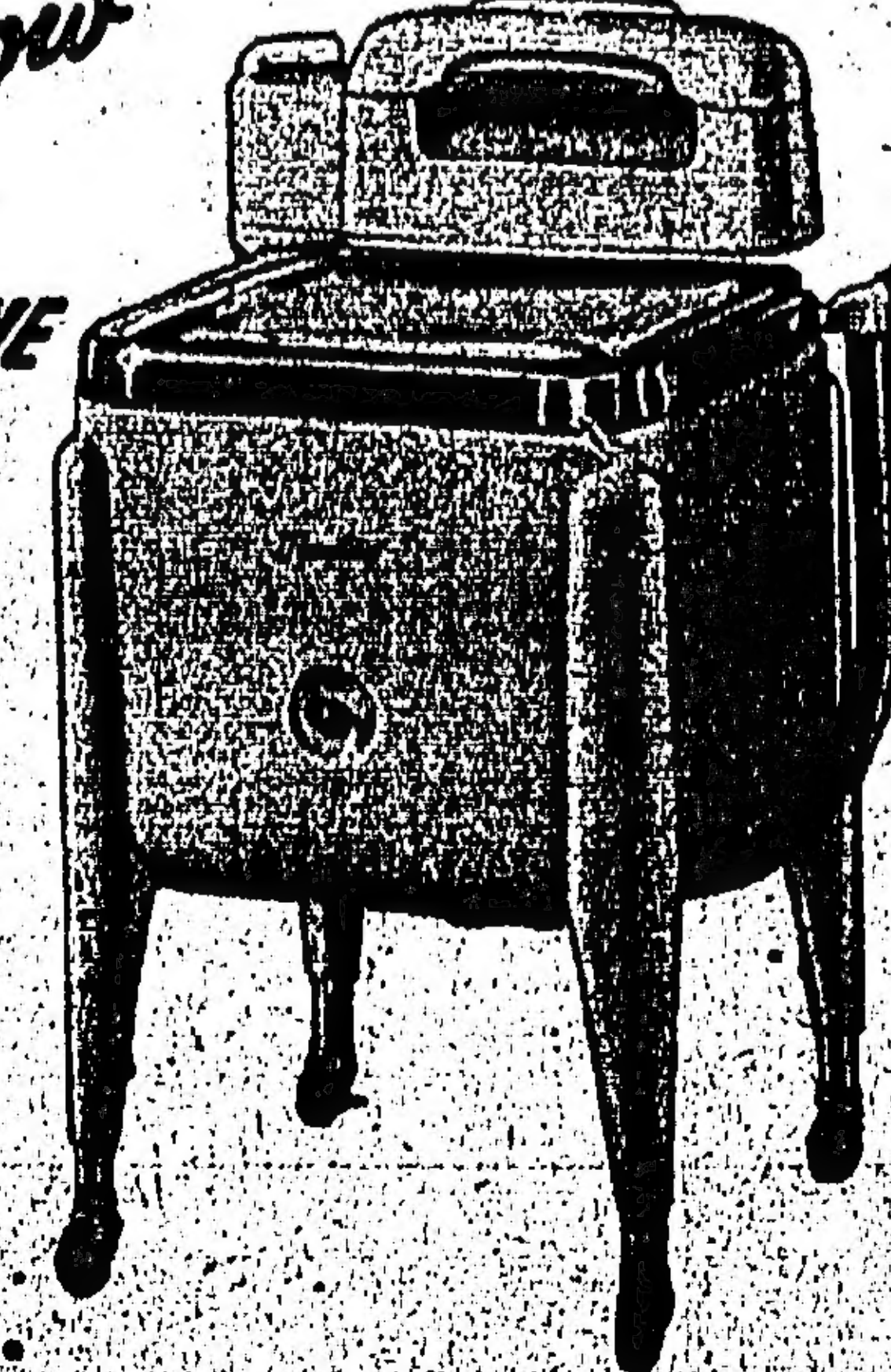
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Hundreds of thousands were quickly evacuated. These were in addition to prisoners of war and those civilians who had been somewhere in Europe and desired to return to them at once. We organised camps to take care of these classes temporarily and fed them while we worked out transportation plans.

Other groups of unreturnables included former citizens of the Baltic States—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—which had been incorporated into the USSR. Thousands of the Baltic we found in Western Germany were classified as stateless; they had fled because of a record of opposition to the seizure of their countries and could not return. They were relatively healthy, strong, and quite ready to work to improve their buildings and surroundings. Along with these were also Poles, Ukrainians, Rumanians, Yugoslavs, and others.

As soon as the news spread about Eastern Europe that the Western Allies were treating displaced persons with consideration, additional thousands began appearing into our zones. Facilities were always over crowded, food could be issued only at a subsistence level, and in spite of everything we could do progress was slow.

As usual, individuals with no responsibility in the matter, their humanitarian impulses outraged by conditions that were frequently beyond help, began carrying to America tales of indifference, negligence, and callousness on the part of the troops. Generally these stories were lies. The thousands of men assigned to the job of rescuing the DP's and organizing relief for them were Americans. They were given every facility and assistance the Army could provide, and they were genuinely concerned in doing their utmost for these unfortunates of the earth. But because perfection could not be achieved some so-called investigators made a golden chance at the expense of great numbers of Americans who laboured night and day to alleviate the average lot of people who had suffered so much that they seemed at times beyond suffering.

With commanders and members of my staff I made frequent visits to these camps. We would spend hours in each, discussing at first hand what was needed or most desired, and supplying these when ever possible. In the months since, great improvements have gradually been made; but the problem is not yet solved. Of all the distressing memories that will forever live with American veterans of the war in Europe, none will be sharper or more enduring had to be done for them.

than those of the DP's and of the horror camps established by the Nazis. The first business meeting of the Berlin Council was held on July 10. Chairmanship of the Council was to rotate monthly and a fine spirit was initially noticeable. Differences of opinion developed but most of these involved details of procedure or method, and in the prevailing cooperative atmosphere—none of the German seemed to threaten great difficulty.

In early July we received word that the Potsdam Conference would soon convene. Again we had to prepare accommodations and protection for the reception of V.I.P.'s but in this instance my task was limited to that of receiving and entering for the American delegation only. I went to Antwerp to meet the cruiser on which President Truman and Secretary Byrnes came to Europe. There I had an opportunity to discuss with them a few points which I thought important.

First, I urged that civilian authority take over military government of our portion of Germany at the earliest possible date. I pointed out to the President and the Secretary that while the Army would obviously have to stay in control until order was assured, the government of individuals in their normal daily lives was not a part of military responsibility. I felt that no matter how efficiently and devotedly the Army might apply itself to this task, misunderstandings would certainly arise. In the long run American concepts and traditions would be best served by the State Department's assuming over-all responsibility in Germany, using the American Army there merely as an adjunct and supporter of civil authority and policy. In principle both the President and the Secretary emphatically agreed with me and I was encouraged to believe that this development would come about within a period of a few months.

To Be Continued

# JAPANESE OLD GUARD 'AS STRONG AS EVER'

New York, February 8.

A prominent writer on Asian affairs reports today that the "old guard" is almost as strong as ever in Japan and may make trouble when the Allied Occupation ends.

The warning comes from T. A. Bisson in "Prospects for Democracy in Japan," published under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Affairs.

Bisson traces the American occupation up to and including the "new trend" outlined in the April, 1948, report by the Under-Secretary of the Army, William H. Draper, and others. The "Draper report" called for an economic pump-priming programme aimed to restore Japanese industry and ease the occupation burden borne by U.S. taxpayers.

"Application of the Draper programme," Bisson concludes, "appears destined to strengthen the old business group and restore it to good standing. In view of this group's record in relation to Japan's post-war economy, there is good reason to question whether it will utilise forthcoming American aid to the best advantage."

"Other Far Eastern nations are also concerned and are asking whether the old Japanese leaders can safely be entrusted with the handling of an intensive drive designed to restore Japan to the position of the 'workshop of the Far East'."

## The Zaiabatsu

"Japan's business leaders successfully fostered a situation under which no profits could be obtained from a foreign trade that they did not control, or in fact form any economic activity other than domestic black marketeering."

"Instead of urging that SCAP cease to rely on the old regime and endeavour to develop a genuinely new and democratically minded leadership in both government and industry, the military-business interests represented by the Draper Mission took a very different view."

"Their proposed solution of the problem was to restore Japan to what was, in essence, her pre-World War II industrial status."

# Drastic Move In Malaya

Singapore, February 9.

Thirty-five wealthy Chinese and Indians have been arrested in Malaya for paying protection money to Communist terrorists. It has been widely known for many months that many wealthy persons have been paying large sums of money to the Communists under threat of death, kidnapping, and destruction of their property.

But this is the Government's first move to stop the practice. The arrests took place at Johore Bharu, Malacca. A Government statement said a number of leading citizens are among those arrested.

"The Government will not tolerate sustenance and support of bandit organisations by payment to them of money for whatever purposes," the statement said. The statement said: "All 35 arrested are property owners whose estates have been contributing protection money."

The statement added: "At least three have made frank admission to police of the sums paid on their behalf."

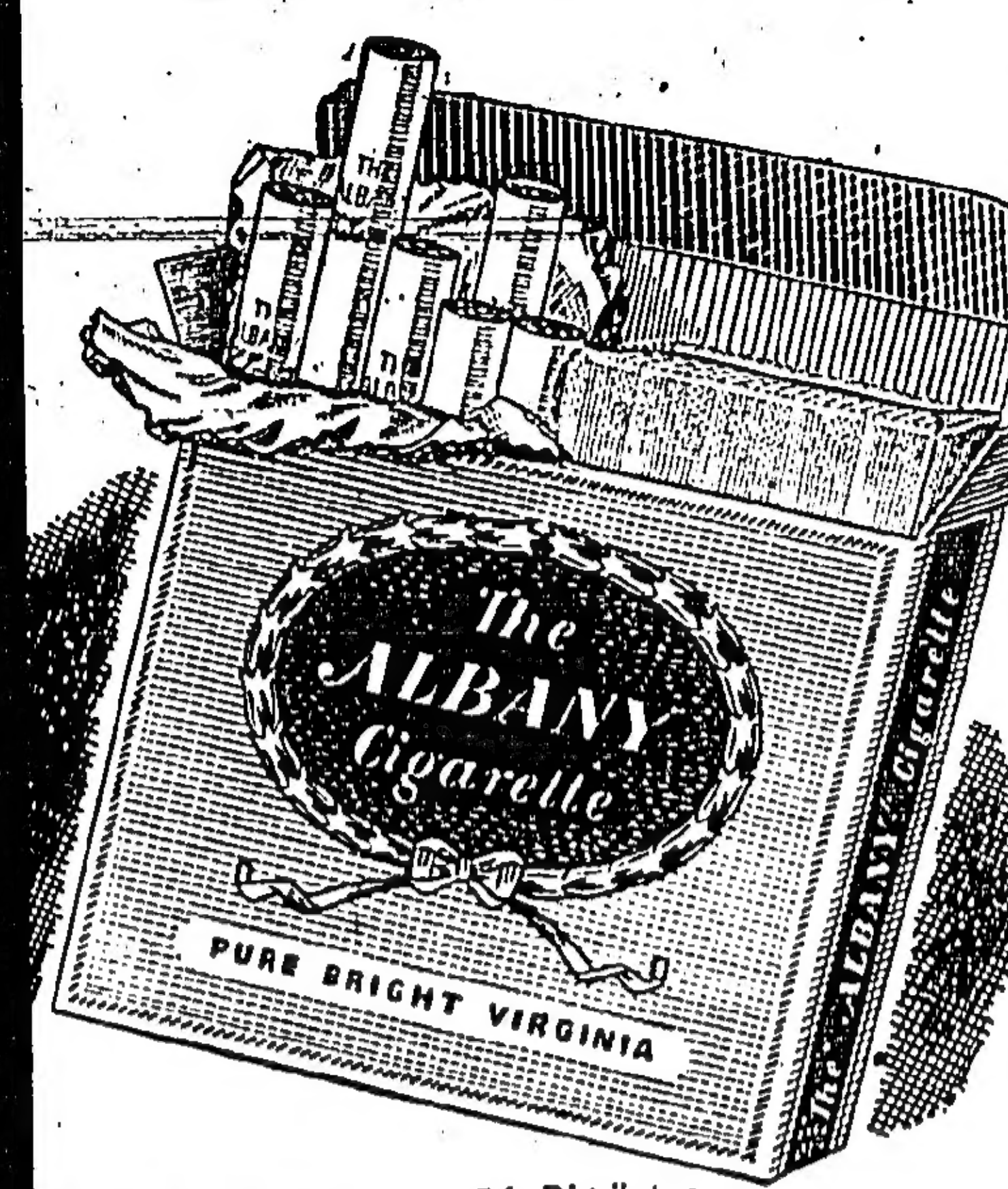
# OPEN ADVOCACY OF NAZISM

New York, February 8.

The German magazine "Neue Politik," published in Switzerland and devoted to reviving Nazism, is being sold openly at many newsstands throughout the United States Zone of Germany, according to Dr. Robert Marcus, Political Director of the World Jewish Congress.

In a letter to Brigadier-General Charles Saltzman, Assistant Secretary of State in the Division of Occupied Areas, Dr. Marcus urges that the magazine be banned. He says the British authorities have already banned it.—Reuter.

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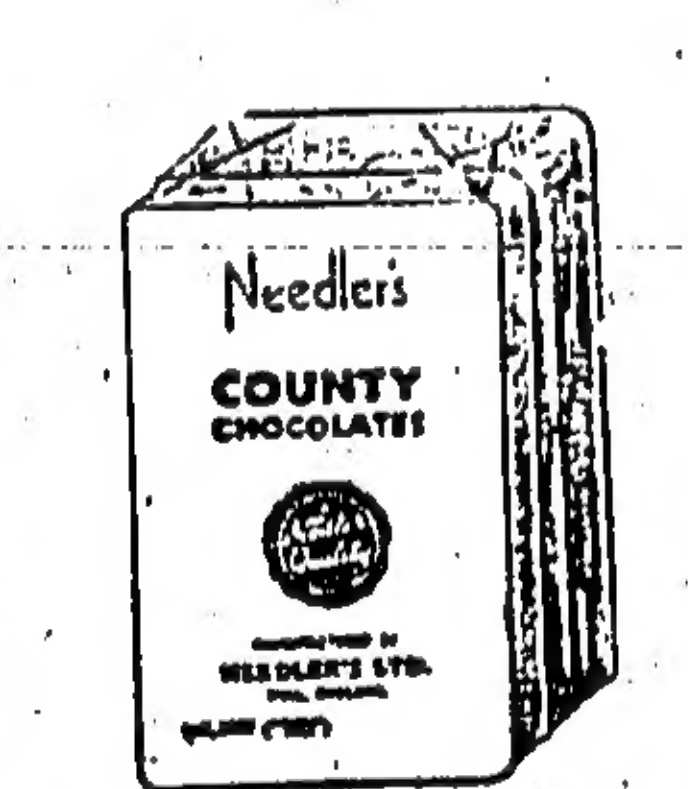
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## DOCKYARD BRUSHES CASE

The case involving receiving stolen paint brushes, the property of the Royal Naval Dockyard, was concluded yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central when after a successful submission by Mr. M. A. da Silva, the three defendants were discharged.

The defendants were Cheung Shui, aged 30, shopkeeper of the Tung Sul Paint Shop, charged with receiving 196 paint brushes, valued at \$700; Loung Hung, aged 40, Manager of the Shing Kee Printing Shop, charged with receiving 218 brushes valued at \$900; and Liu Ping-lau, aged 26, shopkeeper of the Lung Shun Hong Firm, charged with receiving 76 brushes valued at \$300.

Loung Hung said that he paid \$1.50 for each brush and did not know where they came from. When the Police visited his shop, the brushes were inside a show case and could easily be seen. Some of the brushes had already been sold.

Liu Ping-lau said that he paid \$1.50 for each brush. He bought the brushes for his own use. In his submission, Mr. Silva said that it was the onus of the prosecution to prove the guilt of his clients. They had not done so.

"The evidence of my clients was unchallenged and I ask that they be discharged," concluded Mr. Silva.

Mr. Lo ordered the brushes to be handed back to the Naval Authority.

## GUARD ATTACKED

When Forestry Guard Chan Kit was unable to repay \$30 to his colleague, Lau Kuen, on December 12 last, he was struck once or twice while lying on his bed. An hour later, he collapsed and was admitted to Kowloon Hospital suffering from a ruptured spleen.

The blows were fairly light and, if the spleen had not been enlarged to three or four times its normal size, nothing would have resulted, said Detective-Inspector C. Downman when Lau was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with assault.

Det-Insp. Downman said that defendant was the head of a money club formed among the Forestry Guards and that complainant got into debt to the sum of \$35 to Lau.

When Lau asked for payment on December 12 last, Chan told him that he had no money and suggested that Lau should borrow it from some one else and he (Chan) would stand guarantor.

This annoyed defendant who struck complainant one or two blows. An hour later, Chan collapsed and was admitted to Kowloon Hospital where he was detained for some days.

Defendant was not seen again until early this month when he went back to Lanchow to collect some of the money due to him. He was arrested by Mr. Everest, and handed over to the police.

Lau was fined \$100, or four weeks, and bound over in the sum of \$500 for a year, after Det-Insp. Downman had stated that he bore a good character and had been employed in the Forestry Department since February 1940.

## "False Impression" Of Malaya Campaign

London, February 8.  
Lieutenant General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding in Malaya during the 1942 campaign, today said that Field Marshal Lord Wavell gave a wrong impression regarding high direction of the war against the Japanese. Commenting on Colonel Spence Chapman's book "The Jungle is Neutral," General Percival said: "It is a wonderful story but unfortunately some of his statements about higher direction of the war give a false impression, as also does the statement made by Lord Wavell in the foreword. 'I hope to publish my views on this matter in a few days'—United Press.

## SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR MALAYA

London, February 8.  
Consultation between the Secretaries of State for War and the Colonies with a view to granting a higher degree of self-government to Malaya was urged by Mr. Frederick Longdon, Labour M.P., in the House of Commons today.

Little progress, he said, is being made by the forces under the War Minister's control in Malaya, "because the population is more favourable to the rebels than to the Government."

Mr. Michael Stewart, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replied: "I cannot accept the statement that little progress is being

## Their Finest Hour

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I again emphasise the mortal gravity of the hour, and express my opinion as above. Kindly inform me what you will do. Dill agrees. I must have answer by midnight in order to encourage the French. Telephone to Ismay at Embassy in Hindustani.

The reply came at about 11.30. The Cabinet said "Yes." I immediately took Ismay off with me in a car to M. Reynaud's flat. We found it more or less in darkness. After an interval M. Reynaud emerged from his bedroom in his dressing-gown and I told him the favourable news. Ten fighter squadrons I then persuaded him to send for M. Daladier, who was duly summoned and brought to the flat to hear the decision of the British Cabinet. In this way I hoped to revive the spirits of our French friends, as much as our limited means allowed. Daladier never spoke a word. He rose slowly from his chair and wrung my hand.

I got back to the Embassy about 2 a.m. and slept only through the cannon fire in petty aeroplane raids made one roll over from time to time. In the morning I flew home, reported to the Cabinet, and, in spite of other preoccupations, pressed on with the construction of the second level of the new Government.

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Three of the robbers were armed with revolvers and on entering the house forced the inmates to get into one corner where they were guarded by one of the robbers.

The robbers then began ransacking the place and after staying for 15 minutes, decamped with jewellery and money.

## Took Father's Car

Tseng Shi-on, 19-year-old student of 780 Nathan Road, third floor, took his father's car, No. 3824, out but, when at Boundary Street near Nathan Road, was stopped by Traffic Police-corporal 2725 and asked to produce his licence.

Not having any, he was brought to the station, booked on the charge of driving without an appropriate licence, and released on bail of \$150.

The above was told to the court by Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans when Tseng failed to answer to the charge called before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. SI Evans added that the offence took place at 10.50 a.m. on February 8.

Defendant's bail was ordered to be forfeited.

## POST OFFICE

## MAIL NOTICE

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Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 5 p.m. or the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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"BUSA" In port	to South Africa & South America 23rd February.

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"STRAAT SOENDA" from South Africa 13th February.	to South Africa & South America 21st March.
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# FINANCE AND COMMERCE

## DEFLATION SYMPTOMS MASKING INFLATIONARY TREND IN U.S.?

New York, February 8.

### Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A quiet morning and rates still on the easy side.

**H.K. GOVT. BONDS:**  
4% Loan 1944-1949 100%  
3 1/2% Loan 1944-1949 100%  
3 1/2% Loan 1948-1953 101 1/2%

**BANKS:**  
H.K. & S. Bank 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2  
(Lon. Reg.) 210 1/2  
Chartered Bank 211 1/2, 211 1/2  
Mercantile Bank 211 1/2, 211 1/2  
Bank of East Asia 210 1/2, 210 1/2

**INSURANCE:**  
Gentle 27 1/2  
Union Ins. 24 1/2  
China Union 24 1/2, 24 1/2  
H.K. Fire Ins. 27 1/2

**SHIPPING:**  
Dunlop 27 1/2  
H.K. & S. Bank 27 1/2, 27 1/2  
Indo China (Indo) 27 1/2  
(Def.) 27 1/2  
Shells (beaver) 27 1/2, 27 1/2  
Union Waterboats 27 1/2  
Aik. May 27 1/2

**DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.:**  
H.K. & S. Wharves (Old) 100%  
(New) 100%  
North Point Wharves 7 1/2, 7 1/2  
Sh. Hongkong Wharves 25%  
H.K. Docks 27 1/2, 27 1/2  
China Provident 10 1/2  
Shanghai Dockyards 10 1/2, 10 1/2  
Wharves 25%

**MINING:**  
Kau Mu 5 1/2  
H.K. Mines 5 1/2

**LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:**  
H.K. & S. Hotels 15 1/2, 15 1/2, 15 1/2  
H.K. Hotels 15 1/2, 15 1/2  
Shanghai Lands 3 1/2, 3 1/2, 3 1/2  
Humphreys (Old) 14 1/2, 14 1/2, 14 1/2  
(New) 14 1/2

**H.K. Realities:**  
Chinese Estates 100%  
Macao Estates 100%  
H.K. Tramways 21 1/2, 20 1/2  
Peak Tram (Old) 5 1/2  
(New) 5 1/2  
Star Ferry 100 1/2, 100 1/2  
C. Lights (Old) 15 1/2, 15 1/2, 15 1/2  
(New) 15 1/2, 15 1/2  
H.K. Electric 38 1/2, 38 1/2, 38 1/2  
Macao Electric 38 1/2  
Bandaish 10 1/2  
Telephones 25 1/2  
Shanghai Gas 5 1/2

**INDUSTRIALS:**  
Cold. Works (Old) 25%  
Canton Iron 25%  
Cement 40 1/2  
J.K. Ropes 21 1/2, 21 1/2  
STOCKS ETC. (Old) 44 1/2  
(New) 44 1/2  
Watsons (Old) 61 1/2, 62 1/2, 63 1/2  
(New) 67 1/2, 67 1/2, 67 1/2  
L. Crawford (Old) 25%  
(New) 25%  
Sincere 60 1/2  
China Emporium 11 1/2  
Sun Co. Ltd. 40%  
Kwong Sang 100 1/2  
Wing On 11 1/2, 11 1/2  
Wm. Powell, Ltd. 11 1/2

**MISCELLANEOUS:**  
China Entertainment 35%  
H.K. Construction (Old) 45%  
(New) 45%  
Vibros (Old) 18 1/2  
(New) 18 1/2  
Mareman Investments 9 1/2  
Mareman (Old) 5%  
Shanghai Loan 25%  
Yangtze 45%  
COTTONS:  
New 82 1/2, 82 1/2  
RUBBERS, ETC., COMPANIES:  
Aik. Estate 4 1/2  
Niu Anama 20%  
Hue Plantations 15%  
Chemur United 20%  
Ching Rubber 20%  
Consolidated Rubbers 1 1/2  
Dominion Rubbers 15%

Going even beyond the academic views that the current deflationary symptoms have merely restored the equilibrium, some bankers are of the opinion that they are temporarily masking the continued inflationary trend.

To them it seems too early to say that inflation is past because, firstly, spendable funds are near the all-time peak.

Secondly, money is being created very easy and cheap. Thirdly, credit may expand further. Fourthly, some important products are still scarce. Fifthly, rents, wages, freight continue to rise. Sixthly, farm products are supported at about the present prices. Seventhly, record peace-time government spending.

They say that the present business readjustment, by stimulating efforts to support the boom, may actually aggravate inflation, especially by bigger Government spending.

Cotton, rayon and some other industries, which were disaffected last year, are now reviving. Textiles have also revived since the New Year and lavish spending habits of the past 15 years make a buyers' strike unlikely.

Three million families want houses and the government is likely to provide the spending power or borrowing power to get them. Wages and other costs are still rising.

Liquid assets in the public's hands have been on the up-trend since 1948. Banks can replenish reserves at will by selling Government securities without loss. Many prices have fallen but others, including metals and machinery may rise further.

Anyway, the down-trend in prices is not inconsistent with inflation from 1925 to 1929, prices were on the down-trend but Wall Street and real estate had a roaring boom.

While retailers are finding that price cuts greatly stimulate sales, the price trend in not a good measure of the boom and inflation in other sectors.

Parity is unlikely to decline enough to reduce farm prices appreciably. Congressional action likely to tend towards higher wages, more government subsidies and more public works, all of which would continue or accelerate the boom.

President Truman's requested price controls may not be granted; if granted, unused; and if used, ineffective.

With credit available and not being controlled, President Truman's threat to enforce a further expansion of steel and certain other industries could inflame the boom to an extent that would stultify President Truman's anti-inflationary proposals.—Reuter.

Passing Rubbers 25%  
Rough Rubbers 25% 25%  
Rubber Trusts 15%  
Samarang Rubbers 40%  
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Shanghai Kodak 17 1/2  
Shanghai Kodak 17 1/2  
Sun Manganese 10%  
Tana, Marika 40%  
Tebong 20%

### London Stock Exchange

London, February 8.

After an initial period of dullness, London's stock market turned firmer today. Nevertheless, some uncertainty and hesitancy exists as a result of the South African Minister's no devaluation speech, and news of the sale of a proportion of the Union's gold in the free market.

Other factors were slightly easier and under the influence of continued weakness of Wall Street and Norwegian developments in international politics.

London industrial shares many small issues but trading was small and various sections were never really tested.

Oil again sagged. This, however, was during the initial stages and lower levels attracted some support and the market closed well above the lowest.

The foreign bond market showed small declines but little stock changed hands. Foreign rails were easier where changes with a few exceptions. Brazilian, for example, had a slight rise. Few fresh developments in prices are expected pending a clearer outlook on some guide from international politics and economics.

**SECURITIES:**  
British Consols, 2 1/2% ..... 81 1/2  
Conversion Loan, 4 1/2% ..... 107 1/2  
Pillbury Loan, 4 1/2% ..... 113 1/2  
War Loan, 3 1/2% ..... 102 1/2  
War Loan, 3 1/2% ..... 102 1/2  
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2% ..... 113 1/2

**INDUSTRIALS:**  
Imperial Chemical Tobacco (of Britain) ..... 5-11/16  
Imperial Chemical Indus. ord. 46 1/4  
Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. & Ireland) ..... 6-1/16  
A. & A. (Aldershot) ..... 21 1/4  
Asian Frontier Tea ..... 14 1/4  
Asian Tea Company ..... 25 1/2  
Coca Cola Tea Company ..... 25 1/2  
Emp. of India & Ceylon Tea Co. 17 1/2  
Imperial Tea Company ..... 25 1/2

**RUBBER SHARES:**  
Anglo-Dutch Plantations of Java 11 1/2  
Guthrie & Co. Rubber Estate 10 1/2  
Holland Plantation Invest. Trust 15 1/2  
**MINE SHARES:**  
Burgas Corp. ..... 5 1/2  
Crown Mines ..... 30 1/2  
Huntley & Palmiste ..... 30 1/2  
Rand Mines ..... 4 1/2  
Spring Mines ..... 3 1/2  
Tutor Th. Co. ..... 17 1/2  
Union Corporation ..... 65 1/4

**OIL SHARES:**  
Royal Dutch Co. ..... 21 1/2  
Shell Transport & Trading Co. 3-8/16  
**SHIPPING:**  
S. O. Steam Navigation Co. ord. 51 1/2  
**GILDED:**  
Ponding Loan, 3 1/2% ..... 104 1/2  
National War Bonds, 2 1/2% ..... 105 1/2  
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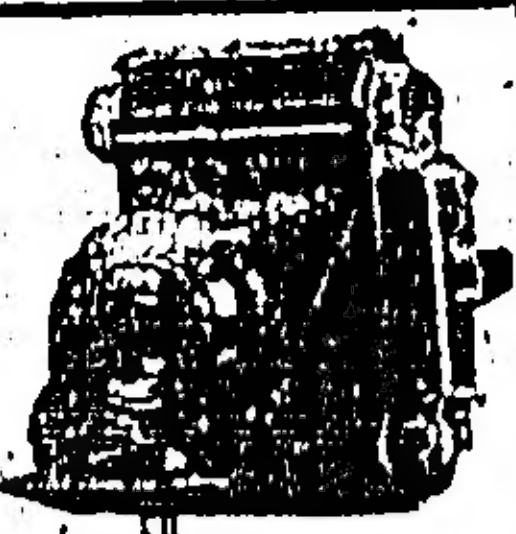




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## India Just Misses Victory In Final Test Match

Bombay, February 8.

India failed by six runs to force a victory in the fifth and final Test against the West Indies here today, and the match ended in a draw.

The West Indies, winners of the only Test which ended in a definite result, take the series.

India, 90 for 3 overnight in their second innings, were set 271 today for victory, but the close of play came with the score 355 for eight—six runs short of their target.

In their first innings they had made 193 in reply to the West Indies 280, to which the tourists added a second innings total of 267.

R. S. Modi and V. Hazare, the overnight batsmen, gave India a good start today by adding 137 for the fourth wicket, put on in two and a half hours. The first of the pair to go was Modi, who made 88 in four hours and hit four fours.

In a tense atmosphere, with the West Indies bowling and fielding giving nothing away, India's score approached the total required for victory.

**Hazare's Century.** Hazare reached his century and brought his score to 122 before he was bowled by Prior Jones.

India needed 72 in 60 minutes to win when they resumed after tea. The batsmen hit hard in an effort to increase the pace, but a widespread field reduced many likely boundaries to singles.

At the start of the last over of the day India needed 11 runs to win. A four and a single were gained, but there was no further score and India had lost the chance of squaring the Test series.

## Britain To Help Burma

Rangoon, February 9.

Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, British Labour Member of Parliament, declared in a broadcast here last night that Britain would do her best to help Burma over her financial crisis with a loan.

Speaking over the Rangoon radio in his private capacity, Mr. Wyatt said: "We want to help you because we believe in you."

He reminded the Burmese that Britain too was "short of money and struggling for existence."

"Any loan we may be able to give you comes out of the sweat and strivings of the British working men and women, who do not get as much to eat as you do because we cannot afford it," he declared.

He urged the Burmese to "come to an understanding" with foreign capital, to enable them to control the country's economy.—Reuter.

## DAVIS CUP DRAW

New York, February 8.

The draw was made today for the Davis Cup by Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary-General to the United Nations.

The draw:—European Zone: Byes into first round—Hungary v Belgium and Switzerland v Greece.

First round:—France v Luxembourg; Israel v Denmark; Czechoslovakia v Monaco; Portugal v Britain; Egypt v Argentina; Ireland v Chile; Italy v Turkey; South Africa v The Netherlands.

Byes, into second round: Austria v Yugoslavia and Sweden v Norway.

American Zone: Australia v Canada; Cuba v Mexico.

There was last-minute excitement as Mr. Trygve Lie was about to make the draw from, as in previous years, the trophy itself. A cable arrived from the British Lawn Tennis Association explaining that Egypt had entered by sending an air letter to the British authorities on January 5, well before the deadline of January 31, but it was not received in London.

The British authorities formally requested that Egypt, nevertheless, be entered in the European Zone, "if it is not too late."

Egypt will be at home to Argentina in the first round.

The draw was made in a building on the site of what will be the new United Nations skyscraper headquarters, and representatives of the United States, the holders, and other competing nations were present.

Mr. Lie said: "The spirit of the Charter of the United Nations, it brings us ties between nations and between individuals, and it brings us understanding between nations."

The inter-zone final between the European and American winners will, if the competing nations so desire, take place on August 12, 13 and 14 in the United States.

The challenge round between the inter-zone winners and the United States, for the Cup, will take place at Forest Hills, New York, on August 20, 27 and 28.

—Reuter.

## HKDF RECRUITING

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Our Commandant is a man of many parts, professor, singer, soldier, composer, doctor and lyric writer. His scheme, known as the Ride Scheme, received the close examination of the experts both here and in London, and had their blessing. It is a scheme that is going to be watched with keen interest by every colony in the Empire.

"The Commandant is willing and will be glad to receive any suggestions provided they are helpful, with the idea of assisting and not hindering. He will be holding a Press conference shortly when he will endeavour to answer any questions or remove any doubts in the minds of those of you. Our aim and object are to make the best use of our available loyal manpower and to ensure that we have square stakes in square holes and round stakes in round holes.

"In bidding you farewell tonight I find that words fall me in expressing my appreciation of the manner in which you have served Hong Kong. But though I now say goodbye, I look forward to meeting you again on March 1 in the Hong Kong Defence Force." (Repeated applause).

After the dinner, Sir Alexander Grantham conferred decorations on the following members of the Corps:—

Captain J. S. Rodrigues, MBE, Efficiency Medal.

Quartermaster J.G. Meyer, Efficiency Medal.

Sergeant A.J. MacFadyen, Efficiency Medal.

Corporal J.R. Ingram—Efficiency Medal.

Lieutenant (now Captain) K. M.A. Barnett—Mention in Despatches.

The Second Division soccer match between Takoo and Dockyard will now be played on the Navy Ground, Causeway Bay, on Sunday, February 13, at 2.30 p.m.

## OFFSIDE LAW CONTROVERSY

London, February 8.

A Scottish Football Association suggestion that the time has come when a change in the offside law will be welcomed, may develop into one of the biggest controversies in the history of Association football.

The present offside law, with its "stopper" centre-half, is considered by many to be responsible for the sub-standard football being played today.

The Scottish body hopes that an alteration in the rule will enable the centre-half to return to his normal attacking role, a move which, no doubt, will suit the majority of today's centre-forwards.

The suggestion is that the field of play be divided into three equal parts so that the offside area is cut from a half to a third. In the remaining third of the field the offside rule, which is governed by three players instead of the present two, would apply.

The half way line would be abolished leaving only the centre circle.

The idea is to give each attack two-thirds of the field free from offside and each defence the protection of the old offside law.

The restricted defence area would, it is hoped, prevent a recurrence of unnecessary exploitation of the offside trap which was responsible for the present rule being introduced in 1875.

## Cullis' Opinion

Stanley Cullis, former international centre-half, who made a Wolverhampton, was seen haps the last of the attacking type of centre-half. He himself calls his style of play only "semi-attacking" and would like to see trial games under the new ruling in the near future.

"The centre half today is chosen for three virtues—height, heading and tackling. Clubs do not bother about his ability to attack," Cullis said.

The fact that the majority of present centre-halves are nothing but third backs is one argument against the new ruling. Very few, indeed, of the "stoppers" today could revert to the old style of attack, and it would be some time before clubs become accustomed to the new ruling and find the necessary men for the task.

It is a fairly simple matter to find a man whose job would be to instigate moves, make openings, "double" practically every other position on the field, and generally act as a pivot for the rest of the team, is not so simple.

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## DUNDEE WINS

London, February 8.

Dundee Rovers, St. Mirren by two goals to one in a Scottish football cup second round replay.

Playing in the Hospitals' Cup, St. George's Hospital beat St. George's Hospital by 9 points to nil in the Rugby Union.—Reuter

## New Hotel Rates To Become Law

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The percentage of rooms in the hotels fixed by the Quarters Authority for accommodating local residents shall not be used for accommodating other guests without the consent of the Quarters Authority.

Hotel management must submit, within seven days of the statement giving details of the allocation of rooms, if the statement does not comply with the regulations, the Quarters Authority may request him to amend the allocation of the rooms.

If the management disagrees with the amendments, the Quarters Authority may make a report to the Colonial Secretary who in turn shall refer the report to the arbitrators appointed by the Governor to determine the matter. The determination shall be final and conclusive for all purposes.

No charge shall be made to a Hong Kong resident for any service other than a service in respect of which a charge is prescribed by these regulations. A charge may be made for the service of meals elsewhere than in the appropriate public rooms and a charge may be made for the provision of air conditioning or for the electricity used by an air conditioning apparatus.

The manager of every hotel and every person concerned in the management of such hotel shall supply or cause to be supplied the services normally supplied in such hotel on July 31, 1948, and shall furnish particulars of such services in writing to the Quarters Authority.

**Food Charges.** A Hong Kong resident shall be entitled to be provided according to a Residents' Menu with breakfast, lunch, and dinner for a total weekly charge not exceeding \$38.50. Provided that such Hong Kong resident has agreed that such weekly charge may be added to the accommodation charge payable by him.

In every room reserved for Hong Kong residents there shall be prominently displayed a card stating that such room is so reserved and showing the maximum accommodation charge allowed by these regulations. Such card, particularly when taken together with the maximum charge permitted for services specified in the 8th Schedule and the maximum capacity as specified in the Second Schedule.

The manager must keep records of accommodation and services supplied to Hong Kong residents and the names of the occupants of the rooms reserved for Hong Kong residents and the charges made to them.

The manager must also, on demand by the Quarters Authority, produce such records.

The Regulations define five types of rooms: "A" type (exceeding 400 square feet; maximum capacity: 20 persons); "B" type (between 200 and 400 square feet; maximum capacity: 10 persons); "C" type (between 100 and 200 square feet; maximum capacity: 5 persons); "D" type (between 70 and 100 square feet; maximum capacity: 3 persons); and "E" type (less than 70 square feet; maximum capacity: one person).

**Maximum Rates.** The maximum weekly rates for the accommodation of Hong Kong residents at the 24 hotels are as follows: (The maximum rates permitted are with the increases permitted by the consent of the Quarters Authority in respect of particular rooms having extra amenities).

Name of Hotel, Max. Rate per week, Max. Rate per night.

Hong Kong Hotel, \$115, \$45; Gloucester Hotel, \$115, \$45; Peninsula Hotel, A & C, \$125, \$50; Republic Bay Hotel, A & C, \$125, \$50; Arlington Hotel, \$125, \$50; Harbour View Hotel, \$125, \$50; Melbourne Hotel, \$125, \$50; Phillips House, \$125, \$50; Tatten House, \$125, \$50; Melbourne Apartments, \$125, \$50; Villa Apartments, \$125, \$50; Luckin Apartments, \$125, \$50; The Villa, \$125, \$50; Quail Hotel, \$125, \$50; Good View Hotel, \$125, \$50; Kimberley Hotel, \$125, \$50; Newmarket Hotel, \$125, \$50; Raffles Hotel, \$125, \$50; Tatten Hotel, \$125, \$50; Ross Hotel, \$125, \$50; Waldorf Hotel, A & C, \$125, \$50; All hotels where applicable, \$125, \$50.

## FIFTH ROUND CUP TIES

## Mrs. O'Keefe Again

Canberra, February 9.

Mr. Harold Holt (Australian Liberal Party) today condemned in the House of Representatives the proposed deportation of the Indonesian Mrs. Annie O'Keefe and her eight Indonesian children.

Mrs. O'Keefe, who is married to an Australian, was recently ordered by the immigration authorities to leave Australia by February 28. Her husband has stated that he will not leave his wife if she is deported.

Mr. Holt said that this case was the culminating episode in the long series of "harsh, rigid and bungling administrative acts" of Mr. Arthur Calwell, Australian Minister for Immigration, which far from defending the "white Australia" policy, had done more to jeopardise the policy and inflame hatred against it.

Mr. Calwell replied that the attack was part of the Dutch plan to embarrass the Government because they sent representatives to the Asian conference at New Delhi. "It is significant that no protests of any sort have been made by any government in Asia about our requirement of their nationals to go back."

"All our troubles come from colonial Dutchmen and colonial Englishmen who write repeatedly about the Government," he added.—Reuter.

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